Who Do We Want To Be?

9th July 2021

Call for Abstracts

Bloomsbury Institute is delighted to invite you to submit abstracts for its Teaching and Learning Conference 2021. We encourage submissions from the higher education community and beyond on the subject of teaching and learning, especially those which engage with this year's theme:

Who do we want to be?

The question of identity is as old as existence, but in the digital age it has arguably become more important than at any other time. The higher education community is uniquely poised to consider how identity shapes the learning environment, not to mention the responsibility it has in helping to shape the identities of its learners. This requires us to consider questions about who we are; neurologically, culturally, philosophically, administratively even. It also demands that we continue to form a vision - for learners, teachers and institutions alike - of who we want to be.

Abstracts are welcome from a wide variety of interdisciplinary and theoretical perspectives on this topic and especially in relation to the themes below:

- The neuroscience of identity, teaching and learning
- Identity politics and the learning environment
- Learning theories around identity
- Identity in the digital age
- Institutional identity
- Inclusion and exclusion in higher education
- The changing identity of higher education

Ways to contribute

This year we hope to present knowledge in diverse, interactive and innovative formats:

Talks (20 minutes including Q&A)

We're seeking informed contributions to the understanding of identity in the context of higher education. These talks should aim to be interactive. Abstracts that consider creative approaches to public speaking are encouraged.

Workshops (20 minutes including Q&A)

Workshops should seek to deliver practical, innovative, or experiential sessions on the topic of this year's conference.

Flash Thoughts (5 minutes)

Tell a punchy story about identity in HE using 20 slides.

Vlog (5 minutes maximum)

We would like to compile a film to be shown at the conference using your Vlogs alongside those of our students on the subject of Who Do We Want To Be? Feel free to be as individual as you like.

Submission guidelines

Talks, Workshops and Flash Thoughts

Abstracts should show how your contribution relates to this year's theme. Please provide a brief overview of the subject and your approach to delivery. All abstracts to be sent to **tlc2021@bil.ac.uk** with the subject 'Conference 2021 Abstract'.

We will consider abstracts that create a balance of ideas at the conference. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words and should address:

- Context
- Objectives of the session
- Lessons
- Delivery

The deadline for abstracts is 30 April 2021.

Vlogs

Send a WeTransfer link to **tlc2021@bil.ac.uk** in an MP4, WAV and WMV format. Films should be no longer than 5 minutes.