

# RaPAL

## Research and Practice in Adult Literacy

RaPAL Conference April 5<sup>th</sup> 2014, City Hospital, Birmingham, UK

**Love Literacies, Love Lifelong Learning  
Health, Well-being, Partnerships and Workplaces**

### Call for papers

RaPAL represents practitioners, learners and researchers in the field of adult literacies in the UK, Ireland and around the world. Our next conference will be held at **City Hospital, Birmingham, England** and we will be joined by speakers from the University of Wolverhampton and, via link-up, Washington State University.



The hospital setting of the 2014 conference provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on our broad themes of **adult literacies in work and life**, which include a wide variety of **partnerships** and in the contexts of **health and well-being**.

We are delighted to announce that our **key speakers** are:

### **Professor Linda Lang**

Professor Lang is Dean of the [School of Health and Wellbeing](#) at the University of Wolverhampton. She will talk about the work of the faculty and the concept of Life Long Learning, focussing on a recent development for a University Technical College (UTC) in the Midlands. The UTC 'Health Futures' aims to support and develop 14-19 year olds to be able to achieve their goals and aspirations through HE and employment in careers in the Health Sector.

### **Dr Sondra Cuban**

[Sondra Cuban](#) will speak from Washington State USA about her ESRC research project profiled in her 2013 book. [Deskilling Migrant Women in the Global Care Industry](#). The study focused on a group of migrant women who were care assistants in England's care sector. Sondra will discuss their digital strategies to connect and care for their families abroad amid tensions they experienced with their paid care for older persons in England.

## Some of our conference questions are:

Are there relationships between literacies, health and well-being? What are they?

What barriers and opportunities exist in workplaces with regards to enhancing skills around reading, writing, listening, speaking, using ICT, maths, etc.?



Is literacy encountered in the workplace related to real life situations? How can multimodal literacy enable learners and/or workers to progress?

We invite contributions of interactive workshops, posters and panel discussions on the following topics:

- **Multi-modality in literacy practices:** literacies as design, literacies embedded in real-world tasks.
- **Workplaces and learning:** literacies for learning, learning at / for work, progression, persistence and adult appropriate.
- **Health and well-being:** Current political debate towards literacies for health and well being in diverse contexts e.g. family literacies, holistic learning.
- **Influencing Policy and Debate:** literacies and adult learning; curricula, funding, current discourses.



We welcome proposals from new presenters and will be happy to offer advice and support if you have not presented at a conference before. Please send details using the form below to [c.collins@gmx.com](mailto:c.collins@gmx.com) by **3 January 2014**. We will review all proposals by **17 January** and then contact you with further details of the conference programme by **27 January**.

## **RaPAL Conference 2014, April 5th**

Post-Graduate Centre, City Hospital, Dudley Road,  
Birmingham, B18 7QH, UK

This initial form invites you to indicate the ways you wish to be involved in conference activities. Please email it to **c.collins@gmx.com** or send it by post to Claire Collins, 8 Magazine Avenue, New Brighton, Merseyside. CH45 5AH **by 3 January 2014.**

Name

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- I will prepare and display a poster describing an area of research and/or practice which is (please outline here):
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- I am willing to be part of a discussion panel in plenary sessions. My area of expertise is (please outline here):
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- I would like to prepare and run an interactive workshop of around 75 minutes on an area of research and/or practice. My provisional title for the workshop is:
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*Please attach an outline, of a maximum of 300 words, describing:*

**a.** *the topic and content of the workshop and*

**b.** *how the activities will be interactive.*

Planning help (highlight as appropriate):

- I am a new presenter and would like some help with planning a poster or workshop.
- I will not need help with planning.

With thanks from the RaPAL 2014 conference organisers.