



DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE AGM, 2018.

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1. Teacher Education (TE) - Janet Orchard

- Thinking about Teaching. This conference for teachers was held on 14 October 2017, organised by Rachel Whitley at the University of Birmingham. Speakers were Gert Biesta, Judith Suissa, Andrew Davies, Joe Wolff. Rachel writes - 'About 40 people came, the room was lovely, great atmosphere, very positive response from everyone I've heard from so far (i.e. on social media). The talks were all pitched really well for non-specialists. All really well received.' The Twitter feed and the blogs are worth reading (#EdPhilBrum)

https://twitter.com/hashtag/edphilbrum?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Ehashtag
<https://thetetrapodinsufferable.wordpress.com/2017/10/22/thinking-about-thinking-about-teaching/>
<https://logicalincrementalism.wordpress.com/2017/10/15/a-philosophy-conference-for-teachers/>

- Teacher scholarships to conference 2018 have been awarded to Anne Marie Roche, George Duoblys, Malcolm Richard and Nicholas Heal, following a competitive process. We congratulate and welcome them to New College.

- Philosophy for Teachers (P4T), which ran for several years as a workshop retreat for teachers and teacher education students, funded by PESGB has now had international iterations. As such it needs to seek external funding. Work that has grown out of this initiative in 2017-18 with which PESGB has been associated has been:

- ❖ Stellenbosch, Cape Province, SA, 6th October 2017, 'Philosophy for Teachers' with Karin Murriss and Janet Orchard, organised by Nuraan Davids with funding from the National Research Foundation, Stellenbosch & Bristol University
- ❖ 'Philosophical Perspectives on Teacher Education: East Meets West' at the University of Hong Kong, 26-28th November, 2018.
- ❖ Public panel discussion 1st December at PESA - 'Why Teach Philosophy and Ethics in Schools,?' Janet was a panel member. See more details here: <https://pesa.org.au/conference-2017/why-teach-philosophy-or-ethics-in-schools>

ANNOUNCEMENT

Janet Orchard is stepping down from the TE coordinator role. Following an open call for expressions of interest, Andrea English has been appointed successor. Welcome Andrea!

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**PESGB expresses very warm thanks and appreciation to Janet
for 10 years of fruitful and productive work in ITE**

2. New Researchers in PoE (NRiPE) - Judith Suissa

The initiative has run for four years, and this year the conference took place at Queen's University, Belfast 6–8 October 2017, organised by Alison MacKenzie. The conference focuses on under-represented groups and on creating an inclusive and welcoming space. This, along with the theme of the last two conferences, *From the Margins*, means that many of the presentations address issues around inclusion and representation, and many of the participants come from traditionally under-represented groups. Alison has been invited to edit a special issue of the *Journal of Educational Research* on the theme of 'From the margins'. Participants in the last two conferences have been invited to submit abstracts and the special issue will be co-edited by the conference organizers. The conferences have been efficiently managed and the last two came in under budget. Accordingly, some extra funding to add to the surplus has been agreed, for a further conference for 12 speakers at Queens in September 2018. The call for papers will go out soon.

3. Pre-conference workshop for graduate students – Ruth Wareham

In 2017, 32 participants attended on the theme of writing up the PhD and publishing. Speakers were Bob Davis and Mary Healy. A report by Sarah Smith is published in the 2017 Newsletter on the website <http://www.philosophy-of-education.org/files/publications/PESGB%20Newsletter%202017.pdf> p 39. This testifies to the liveliness of the event:

'The 2017 pre-conference provided attendees with an important insight into two elements of publishing: turning your thesis into a book, and publishing in journals – specifically the Journal of Philosophy of Education (JOPE). As we were reminded, this is a pertinent topic for PhD students like myself, who wish to pursue an academic career, as publications are likely to be required when securing your first job. The two sessions were informative and engaging, drawing on the personal experiences of Mary Healy and Bob Davis. The advice provided in the sessions is likely to prove beneficial to the delegates in their future endeavours'.

For 2018 the theme is 'Beyond the PhD - What next?' and the speakers are Steve Bramall, on a variety of ways of participating in philosophy of education in community and school. and Emma Williams on moving into academia. Ruth Wareham has chaired the pre-conference for the last few years and as the incoming conference organiser. is passing the baton to Adrian Skilbeck, whom we welcome onto the committee.

4. Central and Eastern Europe – Ruth Heilbronn, Pádraig Hogan

Following previous support for delegates from the Central European Philosophy of Education Society (CEUPES) (see the report at <http://www.philosophy-of-education.org/files/publications/PESGB%20Newsletter%202017.pdf> pp 37-38) we are this year supporting the Polish Philosophy of Education Society (Towarzystwo Pedagogiki Filozoficznej im. Trentowskiego) at their conference in Warsaw in September. Rafal Godon is organising and keynote speakers from PESGB are Andrea English and Paul Standish.

5. Summer Schools – Ruth Wareham

In 2017 a successful Undergraduate Summer School took place at the University of Birmingham, (4th-6th September 2017). The theme was 'Justice and Education' and speakers included Matthew Clayton (University of Warwick), Lorella Terzi (University of Roehampton), Ian Kidd (University of Nottingham), Judith Suissa (UCL IoE), Darren Chetty (UCL IoE). This was attended by around 30 students.

In 2018 the University of Birmingham will host a Postgraduate Summer School in Philosophy of Education from Tuesday 19 - Friday 22 June. The theme is 'Moral Education in Plural Societies'. The Lead Tutor is Michael Hand, Information on the website at: <http://www.philosophy-of-education.org/events/summer-school.html>

6. Strategic Planning for new developments – Steve Bramall, Carrie Winstanley

Many of the developments which we regularly report on are up and running. We are now exploring new initiatives particularly around out-reach, and have set up a sub group to explore ideas, such as:

- retreat for teachers on the topic of *Thinking about Education*;
- bursaries for educators working in non-formal settings;
- philosophy in cafes;
- creating a pop up philosophy guide to setting up informal community events;
- philosophy book club;
- Philothon;
- on-line outreach ideas - such as 'create your own fantasy school'.

Please see a member of the committee if you have ideas for these developments or to raise any new ones.

RH. March, 2018.