



Learning and Skills Research Network National Conference 2025

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Learning and Skills Research Network (LSRN) National Conference 2025 **#LSRN25!**

Join us on the 4th April 2025 for an inspiring event exploring **the uses of research in further education**.

This year, we delve into how research shapes and enhances our practices as educators, fostering innovation and growth across the sector. Let's come together to share insights, experiences and ideas that drive impactful teaching and learning.

BOOKING YOUR PLACE

- Attendance is strictly limited to those who have booked via this page. We cannot accommodate anyone on the day if they have not already booked.
- Please select your breakout sessions at least one week prior to the conference (details will be sent to you on receipt of your booking confirmation).
- When making your booking, please confirm any dietary or parking requirements and any additional details, as prompted. You can also contact Joyce Joyce.Chen@cwa.ac.uk if you have any queries or specific requirements.

ABOUT THE DAY OF THE CONFERENCE

- Arrivals are from 8.45am on Friday 4th April
- On arrival, please sign in and present your name and ticket
- The conference will commence at 9.30am and will have the following aspects during the day:
 - two keynote speakers
 - four parallel seminars, with one in the morning and one in the afternoon (there are three speakers in each seminar, led by educators and researchers. You will also hear from research groups and networks). The full programme will be emailed to you for booking each seminar of your choice.
 - two slots of 10-minute speeches to the floor, with one in the morning and one in the afternoon
 - a digital gallery of materials and information, with extra presentations from external contributors
 - a quiet space, in case you need time to pause
 - an area designated for wellbeing and fun activities
- Refreshments and lunch are included
- The conference will conclude at 5pm

WHY NOT EXTEND YOUR DAY AND ENJOY THE HIGH TEA WITH TWILIGHT NETWORKING EVENT WITH ENTERTAINMENT FOR JUST £5 EXTRA?

- For those who have booked the relevant ticket type, the High Tea will run from 5.15pm at Novus Restaurant, on site at the College.

CONFERENCE FEES AND AN EXTENDED PROGRAMME

The conference is £35 per day ticket and, if you would like to stay for the High Tea and twilight networking event, an additional £5 per delegate (£40 per ticket).

In addition to the main conference on April 4th, there will be an extended programme on April 5th featuring:

- A writing retreat (free)
- A networking lunch at [the Marriott Warehouse restaurant](#) (you will have to pay for your own lunch but with a discounted rate)
- A heritage and cultural tour around King's Lynn (free)

Booking is essential for the extended programme because of the limited number available.

THE VENUE

The conference venue is at the University Centre West Anglia, at the College of West Anglia, situated in the beautiful and historic town of King's Lynn. The nearest train station is King's Lynn. We will have use of a lecture theatre and breakout rooms, the Hub area for lunch and networking and [the College Novus restaurant](#) for the networking event.

PARKING AT THE VENUE

There will be free reserved on-site parking. Please ensure that you indicate whether a parking space is required in the booking.

FOOD AND DRINK

We will provide refreshments throughout the day. Lunch will be supplied by a local charity called [Feed Fenland](#), which is a new initiative fighting food poverty by providing a hot meal to anyone who needs it. The College of West Anglia is proud to support Feed Fenland and our local community at the conference. You will have the Feed Fenland experience on the day.

The High Tea with twilight networking event will be held at [the Novus Restaurant](#) on site.

ACCOMMODATION

There is a wide range of local accommodation available to suit your budgetary requirements and needs.

We strongly recommend that you book a conference ticket before booking overnight accommodation.

Suggested accommodation includes:

[Dragonfly Hotel](#) (discount code **Surya20** when you book direct)

[The Dukes Head Hotel](#)

[Globe Hotel](#)

[Premier Inn King's Lynn](#)

[Travelodge King's Lynn](#)

There are many more options available.

We aim to provide a supportive, creative and dynamic professional development programme, offering diverse opportunities for critical engagement, contributions and sharing of ideas. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss anything to make your participation in this conference more comfortable or accessible, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact Joyce at Joyce.Chen@cwa.ac.uk

We will have LSRN convenors and volunteers on the day to offer support but please do indicate your needs when booking for the event.

Finally, please visit and subscribe to [LSRN updates here](#).

YOUR CONFERENCE ORGANISERS:

Dr Joyce I-Hui Chen	Chair of LSRN <i>College of West Anglia, University Centre West Anglia</i>
Kayte Haselgrove	Co-Chair of LSRN <i>University of Derby</i>
Lee Ballard	LSRN Convenor <i>Plymouth Marjon University</i>
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