

# EOE Conference: Diversity and inclusion in Outdoor & Experiential Learning

Tralee, Ireland  
25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2019

EOE Network



## Abstract guidelines EOE 2019

The 2019 conference will be hosted by the **Institute of Technology Tralee**, a higher education college on Ireland's Atlantic coast and the **UNESCO Chair in Inclusive PE, Sport, Recreation and Fitness**.

This year's theme is based on **Diversity and Inclusion in the Outdoors**. The Outdoors forms a backdrop for a myriad of human engagements including Outdoor Learning, Adventure Education and Experiential Education. It also is the venue for Outdoor Recreation, youth development work, Adventure sports, Physical Education, social-work programmes, Further & Higher Education, Adapted Physical Activity (APA), youth justice programmes and mental health or well-being interventions.

We call on academics and practitioners who use the outdoors to submit a **300 word abstract** indicating how they have experienced diversity and inclusion in the Outdoors. The abstract is submitted using the application form on the conference website [www.ittralee.ie/eoe2019](http://www.ittralee.ie/eoe2019). This abstract may relate to:

- a) Reporting the findings of a research study or review of literature
- b) Reflecting on your practice/work
- c) Framing or analysing a challenge or barrier faced by those seeking to engage in Outdoor Activities
- d) Shining a light on good practice or a model of excellence which highlights inclusion in action in the outdoors
- e) Highlighting the needs of a specific demographic within the population
- f) Making a proposal for how things could be changed to improve the level of inclusion or integration in outdoor programmes.

We ask delegates to indicate which area of Outdoor practice your presentation most closely connects. When you submit choose one of the following sub-themes:

- Inclusion of people with disabilities and their families in OEL/ OE
- Inclusion of people underrepresented or socially excluded in OEL/OE
- Inter-generational inclusion & inclusion across the lifespan in OEL/OE
- Social or cultural diversity in Outdoor Experiential Learning/OE

While we call on attendees at the conference to come and discuss these engagements, the conference also seeks to look at how we can strive to improve the inclusive nature of outdoor learning activities and to identify how we can facilitate the involvement of those currently underrepresented in Outdoor Learning

## Details for Presenters

All presentation abstracts should relate to one or more of the conference themes.

**Oral presentations** A 20-minute presentation of ideas, theory, research or practice, with 10 minutes for questions & answers. Audio/visual presentations are supported through a projector/PC with MS Office 2016 as standard. Speakers are also provided for multimedia elements, as are whiteboards, flipcharts etc. (please let us know what you require)

**Practitioner workshop** There are options for 45 or 90 minutes active, practical workshops – please specify your environment requirements i.e indoors, outdoors, parkland, woodland, beach, on the water etc.

The invitation for proposals for lecture/workshops **has been extended** . If you wish to offer a workshop or presentation, please complete and **return the combined conference application/abstract by 1st May 2019**, ensuring that your proposal is relevant to the theme of the conference.

Your abstract will be reviewed by the 5 members of the conference scientific committee.

Dr. Michael Hall (Chair)

Mr. Dave Gaughran

Dr. Chris Loynes

Mr. Jakob Frímann

Dr. Sarah O'Malley

You will be notified as soon as possible after closing date to confirm whether your proposal has been accepted for the conference. Please sign up for the conference and submit your abstract by completing the proposal form available on the Conference Web Page [www.ittralee.ie/eoe2019](http://www.ittralee.ie/eoe2019) . You can address any questions to the conference organisers at [EOE2019@ittralee.ie](mailto:EOE2019@ittralee.ie) Peer reviewed abstracts will be published in a book of abstracts.

A Special Issue of **JOEE, the Journal of Outdoor and Environmental Education**, will be published in 2020, focused on the conference theme of Diversity and Inclusion. Presenters can elect to put their abstract forward to be considered for this special issue of JOEE in 2020. Please note that this means you are willing to develop your conference abstract into an academic paper as per the JOEE guidelines (see <https://www.springer.com/education+%26+language/journal/42322> ), to be ready for submission by November 30, 2019.

**Fees** The conference fee is €300 and €250 for EOE members. The fee will cover day and evening programmes and the conference banquet. The fee for one-day participation is 85€ with a limited number of places for fulltime students at €100 (T&C apply, please see the application form for details).

Applications for the event can be made through this [link - Conference Application](#)  
All queries about the conference can be made to [EOE2019@ittralee.ie](mailto:EOE2019@ittralee.ie) You can follow our preparations on the [conference webpage](#), [www.ittralee.ie/EOE2019](http://www.ittralee.ie/EOE2019) ,on social media #EOE2019 and on the FB pages of [EOE Network](#) and [ITTralee](#)