Language Learning and Teaching Conference: Developing Speaking Skills
15th September 2017
The University of Leeds

Call for Papers

The purpose of the conference is to bring together researchers and language teachers working in Higher Education in the UK and internationally to discuss the nature and challenges currently faced in the field of language learning and teaching. This conference intends to:

- Push forward the under-researched field of **speaking skills** by showcasing original research and innovative practice.
- Support a closer integration of language learning theory and pedagogical practice.
- Bridge the gap between MFL, EFL and EAP and provide a forum for all practitioners to develop collaborative projects, across language education regardless of the discipline.
- Act as a catalyst for collaboration across institutions.

The focus will be towards the enhancement of **speaking skills**. We now invite submissions of abstracts for papers and panels that relate to the following sub-themes:

Theoretical and practical approaches to:

- Pronunciation and intonation
- Pragmatics and interaction
- Cognitivism on speaking skills
- Assessment and Proficiency Level Bench-marking (including the CEFR)
- Motivation
- Technology to enhance language learning
- Task-based Teaching and Learning
- Learning outside the classroom
- Enhancing students' employability through the development of speaking skills

Confirmed Keynote Speakers
Dr Fumiyo Nakatsuhara, Reader, CRELLA, University of Bedfordshire
Dr Tita Beaven, Senior Lecturer in Spanish, Open University

Abstract Submission
Papers are allotted twenty-minute slots followed by 10 minutes of discussion. Please submit your abstract proposal form available on the conference website: https://lltconf.leeds.ac.uk/ via email to LLTconf@leeds.ac.uk, by 24th of April 2017. An academic committee will review the abstracts and acceptance will be confirmed by 26th May 2017.

Key Dates:
Abstract submission deadline: 24/04/2017
Notification of acceptance: 26/05/2017
For more information go to the conference website https://lltconf.leeds.ac.uk/ or email LLTconf@leeds.ac.uk

Best wishes,

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