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NEW LOOK SCUTREA LOGO AND WEBSITE LAUNCHED

At the 2009 SCUTREA AGM, held at the end of the SCUTREA Conference, in Cambridge, the new SCUTREA Communications Officer, Paul Armstrong, announced that the new SCUTREA website was almost ready for launching. The web design was carried out by PDP of Leeds. The designer, Richard Francis, works in the Lifelong Learning Centre at the University of Leeds, and so has empathy with the aims and objects of the organisation. The original welcome page looked like this:

The screenshot shows the SCUTREA website homepage. At the top left, a box contains the text: "Next conference: University of Warwick 6th-8th July 2010. For more details please click [here](#)." To the right is the SCUTREA logo, which reads "scutrea" in a large, blue, lowercase font, with the full name "Standing Conference on University Teaching and Research in the Education of Adults" underneath. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, About SCUTREA, Contacts, Events, Library, Links, and News. The main content area has a "Welcome" heading. It contains two paragraphs of text about SCUTREA's mission and history. To the right of the text is a "Join SCUTREA" box with a link to details. Below the text is a "Conferences" section with a small photo of people at a conference and a paragraph of text. At the bottom of the page, there are two logos: "W3C HTML 4.01" and "W3C CSS", both with red checkmarks. A footer at the very bottom reads: "© SCUTREA 2009 | Page updated: 12/10/2009 | Site design by PDSupport".

The site is accessible from the same website address as before: <http://www.scutrea.ac.uk>. Visit it often, check for errors and suggest new ideas that will make the site useful to you. Send suggestions to the SCUTREA Communications Officer (paradet@gmail.com).

View from the Chair

When the Honorary Communications Officer first reminded me before Christmas that I needed to write this piece for the January **SCOOP**, I didn't realise I'd be writing from a chair with an uninterrupted view of snow. It's very beautiful, but my view is about the only thing the snow hasn't disrupted. I've only made it into work once this week, so the ability to work (primarily electronically) from home has really come into its own just now. But if snow was the only problem, I'd be very content. As it is, many of us are also facing some difficult times with regard to jobs in 2010. The recession is likely to have a lasting impact on all of us working in adult and higher education. Already at Sussex University, where I currently head up the Centre for Community Engagement, we are seeing cuts in staff, and colleagues tell me it's looking less than promising in other institutions too, and not just in the UK. Gone are the days when we could confidently think a job in education was a safe job: compulsory redundancies appear to be an inevitable feature of the new HE world.

With this gloomy start to 2010, it strikes me as even more important that I belong to an organisation that offers the support of colleagues from around the world. Some of you may remember that SCUTREA used to host an international conference every four years; we no longer do this as each and every conference now attracts old friends and new from around the world. Last year overseas participants were only slightly less in number than UK delegates, and, judging by the abstracts we have received for the Warwick conference at this time, 2010 will be equally cosmopolitan. I'm very much looking forward to seeing you all there and sharing the highs and lows of another year. Just let's hope there's more of the former!



Happy New Year
Pam Coare
Falmer, Sussex

Message From Budd Hall:

We are very pleased to announce the launch of a Master of Arts in Community Development (International Perspectives on Participatory Development & Governance).

This MA Program has been jointly launched by the University of Victoria, Canada and PRIA (Society for Participatory Research in Asia), India. A brochure provides some details about the programme is available online at www.priaeducation.org and <http://publicadmin.uvic.ca>.

The MA program begins in May 2010, and last date for receiving applications is February 1, 2010. This is a unique Masters program in International Development; it is the first time that a program of this nature has been co-designed by a civil society organisation with three decades of practical experience on participatory development and democratic governance, and a university recognised for its excellence in research, teaching and civic engagement.

We hope that this MA program will be mostly taken up by practitioners in developing countries, and a new generation of development professionals who want to enhance their contributions towards an equitable, just and sustainable world.

We are writing to seek your support in helping us identify potential students, and encouraging some of them to apply for admission. The last date for admission is February 1, 2010 and we are limiting the first cohort to 25. We want this MA program to be accessible to all those who are interested in upgrading their professional knowledge and skills; hence, it is important that students admitted to the program who are in need of financial support are provided with partial bursaries and scholarships. We look forward to your support in making this Masters Course accessible to all those who would like to further their professional education in this field.

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Viewed from Europe



Sign spotted in Sweden. It apparently means 'Final Sale'. Don't read too much into that New Year message Yet! Thanks to Rob Mark for the picture.

AWARDS

Michael Stephens Research Bursary 2010

Last year no one submitted a proposal for the Michael Stephens award. The next closing date is **1 April 2010**. The bursary is for £500.00 and is intended to make the difference between whether a research project is undertaken or not. Typically, it could be used to support travel to undertake the data collection, though other ideas will be considered by the panel, made up of the SCUTREA Officers. The recipient is expected to present a paper on their research at a subsequent SCUTREA Conference. The conference fees are waived but the award holder will be expected to meet their own travelling expenses to the conference. Please send your proposal to the Chair, Pam Coare (address on backpage).

Following Rennie Johnston 's success in Edinburgh in 2008, the Second **Ian Martin Award** for Social Justice was awarded to **Shahzad Mojab** of

OISE, University of Toronto, for her paper entitled 'Learning by dispossession: the practice of adult education in a war zone' (pictured right, centre). The **Tilda Gaskell** award for the Best Student Paper went to **Tannis Atkinson**, also of Ontario (pictured right, on the left) for her paper on 'Commodifying literacy, justifying inequality'.



A new award was suggested at the 2009 Conference AGM in honour of the memory of **David Jones**, who contributed so much to SCUTREA including the introduction of **SCOOP**. At the November Council meeting this idea was approved. It was agreed that the award would focus on international comparative education. Priority would be given to applicants from low income countries and the award would be for £500 plus conference fees and accommodation. For further information, contact the Chair, Pam Coare (p.j.coare@sussex.ac.uk)

40th Annual SCUTREA Conference, Warwick 6-8 July 2010

The Call for Papers deadline has now passed. Decisions are being taken following the SCUTREA Council meeting in London on Thursday 4 February 2010, and the outcomes will be announced shortly after this meeting.

To find out more about the University of Warwick you can watch the Vice-Chancellor present his annual review: <http://www.youtube.com/uniwarwick>

In the meantime, visit the SCUTREA website and follow the links to the University of Warwick website, The Scarman Centre will host the Conference.

The Scarman Centre Website:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/conferences/Scarman>

Travel to the University of Warwick is easy. It is situated close to national motorway networks, and well served by rail. The nearest international airport is Birmingham. More detailed travel instructions can be found here:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/about/visiting/>



There is a campus webcam which can be accessed here: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/about/campus/webcam/>.

BACKPAGE

Tara Fenwick has joined the University of Stirling as Professor of Professional Education. Welcome to the UK, Tara.

Rob Mark has been appointed Director of Education at the Queens University Belfast, and will be responsible for lifelong learning and schools. Well done, Rob.

Richard Heslop (Leeds) and **Melissa Baker** (UTS) have both recently received Education Doctorates, and both research projects were situated in aspects of police training. Richard's focus was on an innovative recruitment strategy for community engagement, and Melissa's focus was on becoming a police chaplain, drawing on autoethnographical research. Congratulations to both.

Peter Willis from South Australia tells us that his new edited (with Timothy Leonard, Anne Morrison and Steven Hodge) collection on *Spirituality, Mythopoesis and Learning*, has just been published by Post Pressed in Queensland, Australia. Two of its twenty one chapters are written by two SCUTREA colleague from the UK, **Cheryl Hunt** and **Linden West**. **Linden** was recently awarded a chair at the University of Canterbury in Kent. On a sadder note, **Linden** sends the following message: 'This is a note of appreciation from me for all the messages of condolence and support from SCUTREA colleagues at this time of my son's death. You have all been a source of great comfort to me, and my family, at this difficult time'. Meanwhile, **Cheryl** has become an Executive member of the British Association for the Study of Spirituality (BASS). She tells us that this recognises spirituality in all its forms, in secular terms as well as in faith traditions, and is particularly interested in the implications of spirituality for professional practice. BASS will have its official launch at Charterhouse, London, UK, at 5.30pm on 29 January 2010 and will host an international, interprofessional, conference on 'Spirituality in a Changing World' from Tuesday 4 May -Thursday 6 May 2010 at Cumberland Lodge, The Great Park, Windsor, UK. Further details from j.mcateer@hull.ac.uk.

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