

Edge Hill University

You are invited to join the Faculty of Education for our second 'Improving Life Chances and Making Hope Possible through Education' Conference

17 and 18 June 2026, Edge Hill University, Ormskirk

Do you work or research in an area of work linked to our conference theme?

We are looking forward to two days of learning, professional development, and finding opportunities to collaborate to improve life chances and make hope possible through education.

Who are we?

We have been educating the teaching and education workforce for almost 140 years. Our vision of '*working creatively with others to enhance life chances*' is at the heart of who we are and what we do. We focus relentlessly on harnessing the power of education to transform lives, every day, in our work with our students and strategic partners.

No matter which sector you work in, to best understand and address challenges facing children, families, young people, and their communities, it is essential that we work together creatively and share knowledge to make our ideas a reality.

The 2026 Faculty of Education conference at Edge Hill University provides the opportunity to do this.

Who is the conference for?

We are keen that the conference represents the diverse voices and lived experiences of those with an interest in the conference theme. We aim to ensure the event is accessible and inclusive. As well as academic researchers and postgraduate students, we particularly welcome contributions from:

- education, health and workforce development professionals
- schools, colleges and other education settings
- community partners (including charities and VCSFE sector organisations)
- child, adolescent, youth and adult services
- social care and social work professionals
- creative, digital and enterprise industries

- sport and leisure
- criminal justice settings
- alternative education providers
- policy makers, commissioners and civil servants

Our conference programme will be organised around our Faculty themes:

- Early Years Education, Families, and Communities
- Inequalities, Health, and Wellbeing
- Values, Ethics, and Culture
- Teacher Education and Professional Learning
- Transformative Education

How can I contribute?

If you can join us, we encourage you to think about how you would like to participate. There are different ways to share your work. These are set out in the table below.

The deadline for submission of your proposal is Monday 13th April 2026 by 4pm. Submit your proposal online [here](#).

Type of presentation	What does this involve?	What to submit
Individual presentation	10 minute presentation + 5 minute Q&A	Submit a proposal of up to 250 words
Group presentation	30 minute presentation + 15 minute Q&A	Submit a proposal of up to 250 words for a presentation by 2-3 presenters
Roundtable	45 minute presentation + 45 minute Q&A	Submit 3 - 4 proposals of 250 words max. (1 per speaker) on a specific topic. Please also name a discussant or one will be assigned
Workshop or Practical activity	90 minute session	Submit a proposal of up to 250 words that sets out the focus of the workshop, the activities involved, and the names of the facilitators
Poster presentation	Informal opportunities for discussion during breaks and networking	Submit electronically (as e.g. ppt slide) for display during the conference

Other presentation formats

If you would like to share your work in a different way, please send us your idea and a member of the conference team will be in touch with you to discuss your plans.

Reviewing and outcomes

All contributions will be reviewed by the conference programme team to ensure that the topic and focus are appropriate for the conference theme. We hope to be able to include all submissions in the conference programme. If we receive more contributions than the programme can accommodate, however, we will make selections to ensure that the programme represents the diversity of submissions received.

Submitting authors will be notified of the outcome on Friday 1 May.

Conference stand / exhibition space

If your organisation would like to have a conference stand or exhibition space, please do submit a request for this to foe-rke@edgehill.ac.uk and a member of the conference team will be in touch with you to discuss your plans.

Registration and fees

Conference registration will open soon.

The conference fees are listed below. Fees include lunch and refreshments on the days you are registered for.

	17 June	18 June	Both days
EHU staff and students	no charge	no charge	no charge
Students/retired/unwaged	30	30	50
EHU partner organisations presenting	no charge	no charge	no charge
EHU partner organisations	30	30	50
All other delegates	50	50	75

Travel and Accommodation

The conference will be held in-person on our beautiful Ormskirk campus, accessible by rail from Liverpool or Preston. Further travel information is available on our website:

<https://edgehill.ac.uk/travel>

For information on local overnight accommodation options see:

<https://www.visitlancashire.com/>

Questions?

If you have any questions about submitting a contribution for the conference, please contact foe-rke@edgehill.ac.uk