N25 meeting – 25th August 2023

Attendees: Ann Quennerstedt, Zoe Moody, Maude Louviot, Ioanna Paliogogou, Lotem Perry-Hazan, Daniela Bianci, Idan Zac-Doran, Carol Robinson, Deborah Crook, Jane Murray, Gaby Martinez Sainz, Kasia Gawlicz, Kathryn Paal, Yvonne Finlay, Amy Hanna, Sylvia Edling, Guadalupe Francia, Olivia Johnston, Viviane Fernandez Pinto, Carmel Capewell, Bridgit Sterling, Sarah Zerica, Alex Bidmead, Jenna Gillett-Swan, Rachel Shanks, Eniko Zala Mezo.

Submission figures and review results: **Submissions stable (33), fewer rejections this year than in previous years (4), but more redirections than usual (4). Rejection** rate of 12% partially accounted for by the precise requirements for presenting in the network including connecting explicitly to children's rights. If paper submissions are insufficiently connected to children's rights they may be rejected for that reasons. Presentations of empirical studies are required to have some initial findings in place to be (potentially) accepted. Strict application of the criteria.

Reviewers were thanked. Possibility of changing the core group of reviewers so may see some changes in coming years.

Conference Experiences

Our network	ECER General
Great discussions and questions *High quality papers* *Topics in sessions really well matched* *Limiting presentation time to 15 mins left a good amount of time for hearty discussion* *The couple of sessions with only two sessions were good for a small break* *Shorter presentation time in response to member call for more discussion time.* *Consensus that the 15 mins/ 15 mins was effective and for this network's benefit (comment from someone comparing with experiences at this conference in other network sessions). Presenters however need to know well in advance that it is 15 mins especially if they pre-prepare a script into English. Proposal to send out reminder earlier about the duration of presentation, perhaps before summer holiday* *Chairs did a great job being strict and fair with the times that felt fair to everyone* *Choice to not use one of the presenters in the session as chairs an effective strategy* *Discussions about whether to go for very large room with no daylight or a smaller room. Smaller room that was a bit squishy for some sessions, but with fresh air and light was*	*Interesting keynotes and choice of topics* *Snacks, when managed to get there were very nice* *Whova app was good and easy to use and export, some members disagreed. App was effective to connect with people. Some people did not get all the messages that Whova sent. Several tracking things with the Whova app. Suggestion to delete afterwards* *Staff very helpful in navigating, was difficult to find rooms, but staff and volunteers would take you to where you needed to go rather than providing directions* *Perhaps more useful to have a map on the nametags* *Some signposting missing (E.g. the colour coded steps that were in Hamburg) or clearer signposting* *The map in the app doesn't track your location, so it is not too useful. It also didn't show you where it was closed off with construction or necessary detours. Direction signage would have helped.* *Posters/publisher stands were very far away from where people would go (e.g. morning teas)*

definitely the better decision. Some members compared with stuffy and dark experiences in other network session at this conference *In previous years perhaps more workshops and symposia than usual? Overall fewer sessions than usual. Presentation type depends on what people send in*	*Not enough coffee points, and too far for some buildings/rooms away from coffee spots* *Difficulties finding our way around* *Accessibility issues with distance and lack of accessibility to coffee spots* *Information about accessibility support not widely communicated* *More information online about the event and some introductions and information for first time attendees* *Lack of tech support generally and no one to be found when rooms were closed/locked and requiring swipe card entry. Less 'check ins' than usual.* *Too few helpers circulating with tech and wayfinding* *Coffee containers were single use, other conferences have had a more sustainable option (reusable cups and recommendations to BYO drink bottle)* *Other conferences offered at the same time some kind of child care. There is a need and requests if it is available particularly given the timing of the conference.*

Network activities since last network meeting

- *Annual report to EERA (see website)*
- *Newsletters to network members*
- *Participation – a problematic term (Workshop). Ongoing conversation in the network about how to talk about this phenomenon that in English is called participation, and in other languages it is something else*
- *Twitter/X. Picked up some new followers (total 266 followers). Used to promote work from network, advertise events, promote publications by network members.*
- *Children's human rights education international network 2022-2025*

The future – ideas for network activities in the coming year

- **Network funding (from EERA):** Four that can be applied for. Anyone can apply, Link convenor needs to 'sign off' on applications. If you have ideas, contact convenor team. Network encouraged to make use of this money. Don't forget the activities that EERA offer and consider supporting these (e.g. journal etc).
- **Special call for ECER 2024:** Usually have to be related to the conference theme, although many networks have special calls less related to conference theme. Deadline mid Oct for proposals. Perhaps children's rights in the face of democratic instability, crisis, and other types of crisis relating to climate change, sustainability, crises in democracy, climate crisis, connected to children's rights. The rights of children to education, but what type of

education, and what is education actually about in times of crisis. Support for proposed topics. Systematic attacks on Human Rights and Children's Rights in general. How does the tendencies to oppose children's rights come into play in different countries and contexts and how can it be opposed? How can we create strategies for hope? General consensus that there should be a special call. A group were formed to take this forward: Yvonne, Lotem, Ann, Kasia.

- ***Publications:*** Participation lingua franca publication focusing on scoping post-discussion at ECER and potential grant application. Possibility for special call to lead to publication on the theme post ECER 2024.
- ***Network Social Media:*** There are some issues with Twitter/X. Do we as a network prefer another forum for this purpose e.g. LinkedIn, something else? Threads a possibility? Variable views about threads. Network 25 moving to linked in/both also connects with the platforms that EERA also use to help connect with the broader association. Check current hashtags for EERA #EduSci #ECER2023 (and any others, perhaps specific to the Network?).

Action: Social media convenor to check EERA tags used to connect with the broader network

Action: Trial both for this year and make a decision next year.

Discussion about election process for convenor team

Nominations for convenors (current)
- Must have been active in the network for a few years and going to network sessions to a large extent
- Nominations during April
- Election to take place at ECER meeting so only those present are eligible to vote

Gaps
- Lack specifications for how convenor team to be composed (e.g. ECR, Diversity of countries)
- Lack procedure to facilitate for new link convenor to learn the role (no shadow period)
- Lack procedure if more nomination than convenor places are sent in (e.g. 3 places but 6 nominations)

Suggestions and points that were discussed
- Four convenors, one is link convenor, one is deputy link, two are co-convenors.
- Convenors preferably be from different countries. Link convenor has to be active in a European country.
- Both continuity and renewal should be upheld – the convenor team should include both experienced convenor/s and new convenor/s.
- Potential to add in an emerging researcher or is it one of the two proposed co-convenors? Would the emerging researcher be a 5th position (4+1 or one of the two)
- Should deputy convenor to become the link convenor automatically? Meeting disagrees. Link convenor to have had experience being a convenor, but doesn't have to be the deputy convenor. Must make sure that there is someone in the convenor team that could be a future link convenor and compose the convenor team in that way.
- If adding a position on co-convenor team for emerging researcher, must ensure it's not tokenistic, or used as workhorse.

- Four convenors, one spot reserved for an emerging, link, and two co-convenors. Variety of countries preferred. Strive for continuity and renewal if possible.

- Procedure to facilitate for incoming link convenor. The year before, the incoming link convenor is elected and can shadow the current convenor for the year. Next link convenor is suggested by the convenor team. Network members present at the meeting can put forward another current convenor team member. Nominees must have been a convenor, but not necessarily a current convenor (this team or the previous team)
- If more nominations than convenor places?
o Should a proposal be prepared for network meeting at ECER?
o If yes, who puts it together? Coordinator? Current convenor team? Other?
o If there are two people at the top of the vote count from the same country, only the person with the most votes gets up. Only elect the one from the same country with the highest number of votes
o Instructions for who can be nominated distributed prior to nominations

New members to sign up to network newsletter any time on the EERA network.