

EOE Conference: Diversity and inclusion in Outdoor & Experiential Learning

Tralee, Ireland
25th -27th Sept. 2019

EOE Network



Welcome to the 18th conference of the European Institute for Outdoor Adventure Education and Experiential Learning (EOE).

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**. The EOE Network is a vibrant association of practitioners and academics and this three-day conference will reflect that mix with practitioner case studies, practical workshops and academic presentations. It is a key networking event for social and youth workers, teachers and educators, students and academics from across Europe.

The theme of this year's conference is **Diversity and Inclusion in Outdoor & Experiential Learning**. The subthemes are:

- 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



The Outdoors forms a backdrop for a myriad of human engagements including:

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| Adventure education | Social work programmes |
| Outdoor recreation | Adapted Physical Activity |
| Youth development work | Youth justice programmes |
| Adventure sports | Mental health interventions |
| Physical Education | Health enhancing physical activity |

While we call on practitioners and academics 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.

Abstracts are invited for academic oral presentations, oral practitioner presentations and practical workshop activities. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 19th April 2019.

Applications for the event can be made through this [link - Conference Application](#)



All queries about the conference can be made to EOE2019@ittralee.ie You can follow our preparations on the [conference webpage](#), on social media #EOE2019 and on the FB pages of [EOE Network](#) and [ITTralee](#)

Keynote Speaker

We are pleased to announce our Keynote Speaker for EOE2019 is Dr. Erwin Borremans from the *LIVE* Vocational College in southern Finland. Erwin is the director of Adapted Physical Education for the *LIVE* Vocational College's campuses spread across the southern region of Finland. Erwin gained his PhD from the University of Jyväskylä. His study was on physical fitness and physical activity in adolescents with Asperger Syndrome. Erwin and his co-workers have had particular success integrating outdoor education and outdoor physical activity into the special education programmes of their vocational institute. This has included local outdoor programming and residential programmes in Lapland for students with both physical and learning disabilities.



Conference fees

The conference fee covers the three day, two evening programme with outdoor fieldtrips, coffee breaks and lunches included. It also includes a barbeque evening meal at Fenit Harbour (1st evening) and the conference banquet at the Meadowlands Hotel (2nd evening). Details of the conference packages are available on the [application form](#). **The full programme for EOE members is €250 and €300 for non-members.** Day rates and full-time student rates are also available. EOE membership is free! Details on the [EOE-Network Webpage](#)

Travelling to EOE2019

The conference will take place on our North Campus in the newly built sports building and on the surrounding estate. Directions for getting to the region and to the campus can be found at this [LINK](#). ITTralee is 300Km from



Dublin Airport, 100Km from Cork Airport and 20Km from Kerry Airport. While Kerry Airport is the closest, there are limited international flights. Cork and Dublin have a greater number of international connections with train & coach services to Tralee. There are flights from Dublin – Kerry twice a day.

Accommodation at EOE2019

Our main accommodation partner for the conference is the [Meadowlands Hotel](#), Tralee. They have reserved rooms at special conference rates for delegates with shared rooms from €45(B&B) per person. Only 2km from the campus, it is less than a half hour walk, cycle or wheel. We are providing a temporary campsite on campus with toilets, showers, a communal area (Yurt) and 24 hour security. There are limited camping places which will be allocated on a first-come basis. Email us to reserve a place.



There are a number of other accommodation options including hostels, B&B's and hotels within 3km. The [GO KERRY website](#) can provide you will all options.

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