

Programme

Thursday 6th June

We have a couple of pre-conference activities for those who are able to join us before the official start in the afternoon. You may like to join us for one or both of these:

Activity 1

10:00 – 12:00 Walk and talk to some central places in Newcastle such as the cathedral (and the Vampire Rabbit), the castle, the chares, and the Quayside to see the bridges. Meet at 10:00 in the space outside **City Campus East 1**.

Activity 2

The opportunity to learn about and connect with women working in or with museums in the UK and Europe. The activity will begin with a panel discussion about storytelling and story making strategies as feminist adult education. Following this, participants will have the opportunity to engage in the art of metissage, a collective storytelling method that weaves individual stories together into a collective story using a prompt.

Agenda:

13:00 – 13:30 Welcome and Introductions

13:30 – 14:30 Panel

14:30 – 15:00 Discussion and questions

15:00 – 15:15 Break

15:15 – 16:45 Metissage activity

16:45 Closing

Please note lunch is not provided today (but will be for the remainder of the conference). There are places local to the university such as:

- CCE Restaurant and Café - City Campus East, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8ST
- Master Chow Bakery - 10 Wretham Pl, Shieldfield, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1XU
- Caffè 1901 Deli - 132 New Bridge St, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 2SZ
- Unity Coffee - Unit 1b Union St, Shieldfield, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1AH
- The Magic Hat - 3-5, Higham House, Higham Pl, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AF

Start of the conference

15:00 – 15:30 Registration **City Campus East 1**

15:30 – 17:00

- Getting to know each other
- Community building
- Sharing snacks – please feel welcome to bring a snack product from your 'home' you would like to share with others

17:00 – 18:00

- Official opening of the conference
- Context and the Life History and Biography Network – led by Laura Formenti
- Sharing an object which has meaning for you in relation to the conference call; this may be a real physical object or a photograph of one
- Planning for group work

Friday 7th June – City Campus East 1

9:00 – 9:30 Starting the day

9:30 – 12:00 Group work around the essays

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 13:30 *Natural and artificial worlds* - reflective session led by Alan Bainbridge

13:30 – 15:30 Group work around the essays

15:30 – 17:00 Closing the day with presentation from the groups and planning for tomorrow

17:00 – 19:00 Time for contemplation, conversations, walks and relaxation

19:00 Community dinner (please see details on the website)

Saturday 8th June – City Campus East 1

09:00 – 09:30 Starting the day

09:30 – 11:00 Group work around the essays

11:00 – 12:00 Reflective space: the legacy of Pierre Dominice (1938 – 2024). In this session, we will take time to reflect on the life and work of Pierre including his impact on ESREA and this network. If you are not attending the conference in person, please feel welcome to join us online for this session using the following link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZmRkNTQ2YjktYTM2Mi00ZGNmLWE2ZDUtYWWM4NGQwMGFiNTRj%40thead.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e757cfdd-1f35-4457-af8f-7c9c6b1437e3%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2225b5c6e1-6bbe-4be1-aede-ed1decbe0b8%22%7d

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:30 – 16.00 Darlene Clover and Helen Woodley - Metissage Workshop on the conference call and themes

16:00 – 16:30 Closing the day with reflections and thoughts; planning for tomorrow

Suggestions for activities after 16:30

- Exploring Newcastle city centre
- A trip to Tynemouth to visit the beach and have fish and chips
- Time on the Quayside to soak up the nightlife
- Return trip to the Ouseburn valley for food and drinks
- Talk on 'The Summer Solstice: Myths and Mayhem of Midsummer' at Newcastle Castle (6pm and £6, please email info@newcastlecastle.co.uk for tickets and more information)

Sunday 9th June – City Campus East 1

09:00 – 09:30 Starting the day

09:30 – 10:30 Group work around the essays

10:30 – 12:00 Time as a community to share anything that has emerged from the groups

12:00 – 13:30 Combined lunch and closing of the network meeting

— *We adjust the program as we move along, together as a community* —