



FEATURED NEWS

Lifelong Learning – a cliché or the new concept for fuelling achievement for the sustainable development goals?

No doubt that lifelong learning is on its way up. You can see this for the number of initiatives popping up, the [ICDE Lillehammer Lifelong Learning Summit](#) and the [50th EUCEN conference](#), both promoted in the newsletter. The focus of [the UNESCO 3rd World Conference on Higher Education](#) (2020) will be on universities as communities of lifelong learning. And many, many more. New reports galvanize the justification for giving priority to lifelong learning: The Economist special report on lifelong education "[Learning and earning](#)" (January 2018), the World Economic Forum on "[Towards a Reskilling Revolution. A Future of Jobs for All](#)" (January 2018), the foresight "[Future of skills and lifelong learning](#)" (November 2017) from the UK government are good examples.

This is just a small selection of examples showing that the ideas, thinking and suggestions for the future of lifelong learning are boiling. A good reason for planning your trip to Lillehammer, Norway, for 11 – 13 February 2019: "to shape the future of lifelong learning"! [Read more...](#)

Call for Papers: ICDE Lillehammer Lifelong Learning Summit 2019

In this call for papers and contributions, ICDE invite scholars doing research on lifelong learning and related topics. ICDE also invite professionals and experts representing the educational sector, work life sector and governments to share their experiences, knowledge and best practices within lifelong learning. [Read more...](#)

NEWS

Higher Education as a Common Good in the Era of the Sustainable Development Goals

In the ICDE Newsletter issued on 5 March, ICDE promoted an important debate initiated by UNESCO: "Higher education as a common good in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals" You can now read a summary from the debate, the main presentation by Simon Marginson, Professor for International Higher Education and Director of the Centre for Global Higher Education, and watch a recording of the live stream. [Read more...](#)

New OECD Report: Teachers as Designers of Learning Environments

Pedagogy is at the heart of teaching and learning. Preparing young people to become lifelong learners with a deep knowledge of subject matter and a broad set of social skills requires a better understanding of how pedagogy influences learning. Focusing on pedagogies shifts the perception of teachers from technicians who strive to attain the education goals set by the curriculum to experts in the art and science of teaching. [Read more...](#)

New IIEP Learning Portal Website Launches

IIEP-UNESCO is pleased to announce the launch of the redesigned IIEP Learning Portal. This platform has become a reference tool amongst a global community of educational planners and decision-makers who have a shared mission to improve learning. [Read more...](#)

Latest Open Praxis Issue Available

The publication of Volume 10, Issue 2 of the Open Praxis Journal is now available. This issue contains selected papers from the [OEC Global 2018 Conference](#). [Read more...](#)

ICDE Annual Report and Activity Plan to be Released

On Friday 10 May, both the 2017 ICDE Annual Report and the 2018-2019 ICDE Activity Plan will be made publicly available. [Read more...](#)

New Policy Briefings from the Commonwealth of Learning (COL)

Two new policy briefs on "Doctoral Study and Research Degrees: Online and Distance Programmes" and "Engineering Education: Online and Distance Programmes" have been published recently. [Read more...](#)

PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE FINAL REPORT

Models for Online, Open, Flexible and Technology Enhanced Education (OOFAT)

The final report from the ICDE initiated study on delivery models for online, open, flexible and technology enhanced education across the globe is now publicly released and available to download from the ICDE website.

The study was launched through an open webinar 25 April, chaired by the ICDE President Belinda Tynan. The research team from Fibs and Open University of UK presented their main findings and one of the partner institutions for the study, Hamdan Bin Mohammed Smart University from Dubai, gave their insights to the value of the study from an higher education institutional perspective.

[View the webinar recording and access the final report here...](#)

ICDE CONFERENCES 2018-2019

ICDE Open Education Leadership Summit 2018

ICDE is teaming up with OEC and the French Ministry for Higher Education and Research to organize its annual Leadership Summit as the Open Education Leadership Summit 2018 on 3-4 December in Paris, hosted by Le Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers (CNAM). [Read more...](#)

ICDE Lillehammer LifeLong Learning Summit 2019

New technologies, globalisation and changes in demographics require a revitalisation of the concept of Lifelong Learning. ICDE, together with the Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences (INN), will host the ICDE Lillehammer Lifelong Learning Summit on 11-13 February 2019 in Lillehammer, Norway. [Read more...](#)

Register Your Interest for the 28th ICDE World Conference 2019

Dublin City University (DCU) is hosting the 2019 ICDE World Conference. Held every second year, the World Conference is the largest and most prestigious international event exploring new open, online, and flexible models of education. [Read more...](#)

CALLS

Call for Papers: Open Learning Conference 2018 | Deadline: 31 May 2018

On behalf of the conference organizing committee, UNISA would like to invite interested parties to submit papers for the Open Learning Conference 2018 in Pretoria, South Africa. [Read more...](#)

Call for Nominations: UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2018 | Deadline: 10 June 2018

Since 1967, UNESCO International Literacy Prizes have rewarded excellence and innovation in the field of literacy. Over 485 projects have been recognized. Laureates include governments, NGOs and individuals from around the world. The Prizes confer both international recognition and a monetary award. [Read more...](#)

Call for Papers: Open Praxis Vol. 10 Issue 4 | Deadline: 10 July 2018

Open Praxis welcomes contributions which demonstrate creative and innovative research, and which highlight challenges, lessons and achievements in the practice of distance and e-learning from all over the world. An article may present research or surveys of recent work, describe original work, or discuss new technology and its possibilities, implications and/or other related issues. [Read more...](#)

Call for Papers and Presentations: IEEE TALE 2018 (Australia) | Deadline: 11 June 2018

TALE is the IEEE Education Society's flagship Asia-Pacific conference, catering to researchers and practitioners with an interest in the innovative use of digital technologies for learning, teaching and assessment in any discipline. [Read more...](#)

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

ICDE Collaborative Partner Conference in Loja, Ecuador

ICDE member [Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja](#) and partners invite all to the 6th CREAD Andes Convention and 6th Virtual Educa Ecuador Encounter. This conference will offer an environment to discuss new paradigms around evaluation and accreditation processes for higher distance education in the Americas, Asia, Africa, Europe, and Oceania. [ICDE Head of Development Torunn Gjelsvik](#) is a guest speaker. Dates: 29 May through 1 June 2018. [Read more...](#)

50th EUCEN Conference: the Role of University in Lifelong Learning

The [50th EUCEN Conference](#) takes place 6-8 June 2018 at the University of Bergen, Norway. The conference celebrates the growth and development of university lifelong learning through the past decades, and looks into future opportunities in times of transition. Increasing internationalization, cultural diversity, mobility and digitalization are global trends with huge impact on individuals, work life, and educational institutions. [Read more...](#)

More Events for Your Diary:

[Towards a European Education Area: Promoting Higher Education in Europe, 16 May 2018, Brussels, Belgium](#)

[Clute International Conference on Education \(ICE\), Technology \(ICTE\) and Science \(ISEC\), 3-7 June 2018, Barcelona, Spain](#)

[10th International Conference on Education Technology and Computers \(ICETC 2018\), 10 June 2018, Tokyo, Japan](#)

[EDEN 2018 Annual Conference: 17-20 June, Genoa, Italy](#)

[10th Annual International Symposium on University Rankings and Quality Assurance 2018, 21 June 2018, Brussels, Belgium](#)

[3rd Canadian International Conference on Advance in Education, Teaching and Technology, 28-30 July 2018, Toronto, Canada](#)

[International Conference on Education and Global Studies, August 8-10, 2018 Bangkok, Thailand](#)

[EADTUs Online, Open and Flexible Higher Education Conference, 11-12 October 2018, Aarhus, Denmark](#)

[11th annual International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation, 12-14 November 2018, Seville, Spain](#)

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