

Call for Papers: Institute for Education Symposium 2023

The Future is Now – Educators’ Vision for Tomorrow

The 4th Annual Symposium of the Institute for Education will be held on **25th October 2023**. It will focus on the theme ‘The Future is Now – Educators’ Vision for Tomorrow’.

Proposals are being sought for **individual paper presentations**. A paper proposal can be submitted by an individual or small group of authors. Accepted papers will involve a short presentation followed by a discussion with participants at the 4th Annual Symposium.

Themes

The themes for the 4th Annual Symposium were elicited through a consultation process on the educators’ vision for tomorrow carried out by the Institute for Education in February 2023. The key themes and sub-themes that emerged in this consultation process were:

- **Teaching and Learning** – This theme included two sub-themes, namely Learning, which covered Inclusion, Student-centered learning, Co-education; and Teaching, which included Time constraints, Quality and Standards, Technology, Training, Assessment, Skills and Competences and Subject Areas.
- **Leadership and Climate** – This theme included seven sub-themes, namely Trust and Respect; Motivation; Wellbeing; Career; Expectations; Parental Involvement and Legal Quagmires.
- **The ‘System’** – This theme included three sub-themes, namely Primary, Secondary and Post-Secondary Education.
- **Policy** – This theme included six sub-themes, namely Evaluation, Priorities, Key Actors, Consultation, Reform Fatigue and Resources.
- **A Changing Society** – This theme included five sub-themes, namely the COVID Pandemic; Technology; Multicultural; Geographical and How Teachers are Perceived.

Please also see the concept map attached of the key themes elicited from the consultation process. Paper proposals are invited to explore these themes and critically evaluate possible recommendations for improvement.

Key dates for proposers

Proposals will be received until 30th June 2023. Authors of accepted proposals will be informed by 21st July 2023. Please note that the submitted abstract will be made available on the Symposium website should the proposal be accepted.

Accepted proposals shall be presented during the 4th Annual Symposium of the Institute for Education held on 25th October 2023.

Accepted proposals shall also be published as peer reviewed articles in the Malta Journal of Education by the Institute for Education. Journal articles shall have a length of not more than 5,000 words excluding references. Selected papers are to adhere to the following timeline.

Date	Milestone
30 June 2023	Deadline for submission of proposals
21 July 2023	Notification of accepted proposals
4 October 2023	Draft of presentation for the 4 th Annual Symposium
13 October 2023	Feedback on the draft presentation
25 October 2023	Presentation at the 4 th Annual Symposium
24 November 2023	First draft of paper
22 December 2023	Feedback on first draft of paper
19 January 2024	Second draft of paper
2 February 2024	Final draft of paper
16 February 2024	Proofreading of papers
1 March 2024	Design and print of journal
10 May 2024	Publication of the journal

Insufficient standard of the paper or failure to adhere to the timeline may result in the exclusion of the paper from the journal.

Submission requirements

The paper proposal should be in the form of an abstract with a length of not more than 150 words and excluding references, which will be used to judge the merits of the proposed paper. The proposal should outline the issue being explored or the area of research being reported on, the conceptual underpinnings of the paper, its findings and a conclusion. The proposal should address the following as applicable:

- Objectives or purpose
- Perspective(s) or theoretical framework
- Methods, techniques or modes of inquiry
- Data sources/evidence
- Results and conclusions/points of view
- Educational importance of this study for theory, practice, and/or policy
- Connection to the themes of the symposium

Authors should also indicate keywords and provide a short biographical note of not more than 100 words.

Submissions of paper proposals submitted for consideration or publication by other journals are not accepted.

Evaluation of proposals

Proposals will be evaluated in terms of their contribution to educational theory, policy, research, and/or practice, and the quality of the presentation, theoretical perspectives, methods of inquiry and analysis, strength of results and conclusions, and connection to the theme of the symposium.

Please submit your proposal in English through [this link](#).

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