

NERUPI takes great pleasure in inviting all members to its sixth annual convention which will be a face-to-face event at the Friends House in London on the 12 September 2024. In recent years it has become clear that creation of a more inclusive and equitable environment within higher education requires significant organisational change. While our universities and higher education institutions have made great progress in this area, offering many benefits and opportunities to students, some significant inequalities remain. It is no longer sufficient to confine widening participation and equity to one-off initiatives or activities delivered by separate departments. A whole-organisational approach is needed before meaningful change can take place that will prepare an increasingly diverse student body for the globalised world of the 21st Century. The NERUPI Convention 2024 will give participants the opportunity to explore this issue in-depth as well as providing practical tools to generate and evaluate positive change.

### **First Call for presentations, workshop proposals and posters**

As well as the keynote speakers, we want to share the work of our members and so are looking for examples of how building organisation change can improve the student experience. This can be either in outreach programmes or supporting students on-course. The NERUPI Convention 2024 will provide an excellent opportunity to showcase and publicise your work and, with your permission, your Convention 2024 presentation or poster will also be published post-event on the members' area of NERUPI website as a practice example. The Office for Students' access and participation plan guidance identified both presentations and posters at conferences and websites as channels where providers may publish its evaluation findings.

We want you to:

- Share your practice, evaluation and research
- Showcase how you are building organisation change to deliver your programmes or achieve your strategic goals
- Encourage exploration and discussion
- Tell us about evaluation of your initiatives: evaluation approaches, results, analysis and learning

Your proposals should be presentations or workshops of up to 30 minutes in duration. Poster presentations will be displayed in communal areas throughout the day, and we would especially encourage poster presenters to be on hand by their posters during registration (where possible), at refreshments breaks and through lunch to discuss their work with interested colleagues. Remember that this is all about learning from each other: that doesn't always mean sharing just your successes; learning from failures can be just as important.

### **Guidelines**

Please get in touch with us at [NERUPI@bath.ac.uk](mailto:NERUPI@bath.ac.uk) if you have ideas for a presentation, workshop session, poster or any queries. We are happy to discuss your ideas informally with you.

If you're ready to submit a proposal, please complete the form on the [event webpage](#) before **9.00am on Monday 15 July 2024**.