

University and College Union

Presents

I Want To Be Me: Contextualising Self-Identities

CALL FOR PAPERS

**A one-day conference for academics, researchers and activists
conducting research on sexual orientation and gender identity issues
and / or Bisexual, Gay, Intersex, Lesbian, Queer, Trans, .. lives.**

Friday May 17th 2019, 10am – 4pm

Manchester

It has been 2 years since UCU hosted the most recent academics and activists LGBT+ research conference at the University of Manchester.

This 2019 Conference seeks to bring together academics, researchers and activists to focus on research and chart a way forward which bridges the gap between academia and activism. The conference in 2019 will be the 6th in a series following London (December 2000), Newcastle (2008), London South Bank (2012) Manchester (2015 and 2017). It builds on a commitment from a number of UCU Congresses to support such a conference in the interests of promoting these areas of study.

Proposals (of no more than 500 words) should be sent to:

Seth Atkin e mail: satkin@ucu.org.uk.

Papers should include a 50 word statement explaining the relationship between the paper and the theme and how it relates to LGBT+ issues / lives.

There will be a peer review process following submission.

The deadline date for submission is 4pm Monday 25th February.

Proposals are welcomed on, but not limited to:

- Heteronormativity as context for LGBT+ identity
- Impact of and overcoming prejudice and discrimination
- Negotiating invisibility and visibility – personal, culture, society, media
- Disparities and dialogue: access to services, money + social resources
- Realisation or otherwise of life aspirations and expectations
- LGBT+ identities and impact in public health research and advocacy
- Differences across the lifespan: childhood, teenage, adult, older age
- Locating identity - levels of outness, digital expression, communities
- Collectivity and Solidarity – sites and means of organising and action
- Differences in thinking about sexuality and sexual practices
- Understandings of sex: protected characteristic, intersex, biodiversity
- Gender Identities: trans, non-binary, queering, querying, power
- Deconstructing binaries
- Intersectional LGBT+ identities – class / disability / race / religion
- Cultural differences
- Good As You, not the same as you: LGBT+ identity, stories & struggles
- Histories of and present difference –margins, competing, contestation
- Recovering LGBT+ histories
- International perspectives: stipulations, struggles, self-actualisation
- LGBT+ in policy and practice: equality, legislation, usualising diversity
- Liberation – LGBT+ and intersectional approaches / aspirations

Proposals to deliver the research papers can be for academic or action research covering theory and / or practice.

This conference is open to University and College Union (UCU) members and those who are not members of UCU.