



European research  
network on  
transitions in youth

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## 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WORKSHOP

Edinburgh

6-8 SEPTEMBER 2023

### CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The 30th annual workshop of the European Research Network on Transitions in Youth (TIY) will take place in Edinburgh on 6-8 September 2023. The workshop will be organised by the Moray House School of Education and Sport in collaboration with the Advanced Quantitative Research in Education Hub at the University of Edinburgh.

The TIY Network aims to advance the theoretical understanding of transitions in youth and especially of the relationships between education/training and the labour market. With its workshop, the Network brings together social scientists interested in the transitions of young people as they progress towards adulthood. The theme of this 30th workshop is:

#### **Inequalities in youth transitions within and across countries: new insights for policy**

A large body of literature has analysed youth transitions since the 1970s and has highlighted the increasing complexity and uncertainty related to these transitions over time. Furthermore, research has shown large disparities between men and women, ethnic groups and socio-economic groups in young people's chances of reaching higher educational levels, finding employment, reaching a stable and well-paid job, becoming economically independent and forming their own family. The recent critical events, i.e. the 2008 economic crisis, the Covid pandemic and mass migration from conflict areas, have posed new challenges which are likely to have exacerbated existing inequalities and uncertainties in youth transitions. In light of these events and other global phenomena such as digital transformation and environmental problems which directly affect the younger generations, the workshop aims to revisit the role played by various factors which operate at different levels (e.g. family, school, neighbourhood, regional, national) in the reproduction of inequalities in educational and labour market transitions. In particular, we welcome papers that will cover the intersection of multiple dimensions of inequalities, will provide new evidence on the relative importance of different factors, will analyse the role of education and training systems and labour market structures, and examine the role of policies in mitigating inequalities. We also welcome papers which use longitudinal data, causal modelling, cross-country comparative analysis, systematic reviews and meta-analyses. All papers are expected to include a discussion on how the empirical evidence presented can inform policies and, where possible, discuss potential solutions to tackle the problem of inequalities.

**Specific topics that may be included are:**

The intersection between gender, ethnic and social inequalities in educational transitions

School curriculum and the transition to higher/further education or the labour market

Institutional factors and the transition from education to the labour market

The impact of the pandemic on youth transitions

The transition to adulthood of young refugees and migrants

The role of spatial inequalities in youth transitions

Evaluation of youth policies/interventions and the transition to the labour market

The relation between young people's well-being and educational and labour market transitions.

The Network Committee does not regard this list of suggested themes as a complete, let alone exclusive. On the contrary, the committee welcomes contributions on all aspects of youth transitions.

**We are delighted to announce that Emeritus Professor Adam Gamoran, President of the William T. Grant Foundation, will be the keynote speaker at the event.**

Anyone who wishes to present a paper at the workshop should submit a 500-word abstract online at the link indicated below by **15 March 2023**. The abstract should contain information about the theoretical background, the central question(s) addressed, the data and methods used and some preliminary results. In keeping with our usual procedures, abstracts will be assessed for selection by the members of the Network Committee on the basis of their quality and relevance to the theme of the workshop. Authors will be notified of the decision regarding their paper by **15 May 2023** at the latest.

**The conference fee is £220** and includes venue hire, catering (lunches and coffee breaks) and conference dinner. The organiser will provide a list of accommodation available around the venue. A number of rooms have been pre-booked at a special rate in two hotels but booking will need to be confirmed by the participants directly with the hotels.

In order to ensure the smooth running of the workshop, participants should register and pay the conference fee before **15 June 2023**.

As per other years, papers will be made available in advance to workshop participants. To be able to do this full (electronic) versions of the papers should be sent to the local organisers at the very latest by **25 August, 2023**.

**Local organisers:**

Research team: Cristina Iannelli, Adriana Duta, Roxanne Connelly, Alice Dias Lopes, Peter Barlow

Management: Grace Kong

**Relevant website:**

Conference website and abstract submission: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/education/rke/transitions-in-youth-2023>