



WORLD  
CONGRESS  
ON ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION



## Connecting the Unconnected

### Making Connections for Greater Collective Impact

**Around the world, many people still lack opportunities and face obstacles to real participation and success in post-secondary education.**

This cannot continue, for it squanders talents that could be used to benefit many individuals, communities, cities, nations and regions.

Many of us are already making progress in tackling these issues. However, we believe that our impact could be even greater if we combined our knowledge and efforts, brought in new partners and created, shared and implemented innovative ideas.

So led by the European Access Network ([www.ean-edu.org](http://www.ean-edu.org)), a growing network of international organisations are setting out to create a new social movement and global learning community: **the World Congress on Access to Post-Secondary Education**. Our aim is to bring together all those who share our vision so that we can support and learn from each other and work together to achieve our goals.

### Building and Enacting an Agenda for Change

**Through a series of three major events (2013, 2015 and 2017) and other global, national and local activities the World Congress on Access to Post-secondary Education will progressively build and enact an agenda for change.**

Many countries and regions have set participation targets for post-secondary education by 2020. We want to help in achieving these targets but also to make sure that *more participation also means wider participation and success*.

### Students and Youth

**The World Congress places current and future students and youth at the core of efforts to improve access to, and success in, post-secondary education worldwide.** The knowledge and experience of students and young people will inform and guide our activities.

We have appointed 'Student and Youth Ambassadors' in every region of the world, working for broader access and success in post-secondary education in their local areas.

### Montreal 2013

**Our first global event will be held in Montreal Canada, from October 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2013.**

Participation is open to all who share our vision and we welcome participants from many different backgrounds and organisations and from all over the world, including education and business leaders and students.

The programme will be based on interaction and discussion around key themes and issues, leading to the development of agenda for action.

Further details can be found on the World Congress website [www.eanworldcongress.org](http://www.eanworldcongress.org) or by contacting us at [info@eanworldcongress.org](mailto:info@eanworldcongress.org).



## MONTREAL 2013! 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Call for Proposals

The World Congress Planning Committee invites you to submit a proposal for an activity for Montreal 2013. The activity could be within the strands which will provide the framework for discussions and planning during the congress, or for a 'special activity' outside the strands. Proposals will be accepted from individuals and organisations in academia, business, government, the community sector, international agencies and elsewhere.

The strands seeking 2<sup>nd</sup> round proposals are listed below. **You are asked to submit your proposal directly to the contact person/s for the particular strand in which you are interested.** Full strand descriptions can be found on the Congress website [www.eanworldcongress.org](http://www.eanworldcongress.org).

- **Learning labs – Linking social and economic development to access strategies in cities and regions**
  - Sue Ferguson [sueferguson52@gmail.com](mailto:sueferguson52@gmail.com), [kbedeau@georgebrown.ca](mailto:kbedeau@georgebrown.ca)
- **Financing Educational Opportunities**
  - Gerald Burke [gerald.burke@monash.edu](mailto:gerald.burke@monash.edu), Dieter Dohmen [d.dohmen@fibs.eu](mailto:d.dohmen@fibs.eu)
- **Working Life: Adult and Vocational Learning**
  - [fran.ferrier@eanworldcongress.org](mailto:fran.ferrier@eanworldcongress.org)
- **Teaching and learning for success and inclusion at the post-secondary level**
  - Jill Armstrong [jill.armstrong@tees.ac.uk](mailto:jill.armstrong@tees.ac.uk)
- **Indigenous people and access to post-secondary education**
  - Adrienne Vedan [adrienne.vedan@ubc.ca](mailto:adrienne.vedan@ubc.ca)

Proposals for activities outside the strands should be submitted to [fran.ferrier@eanworldcongress.org](mailto:fran.ferrier@eanworldcongress.org)

As this is a *congress*, not a conference, all proposed activities must include some interactive element. Your proposal should provide a title and brief description of your proposed activity, your personal contact details, your job title and your employing organisation.

If your proposal is successful you will be expected to register for the congress and to pay a discounted registration fee. Some subsidised places will be available for those from poorer and developing countries.

The call for proposals will remain open until 15th June 2013. Enquiries should be addressed to [info@eanworldcongress.org](mailto:info@eanworldcongress.org)