

Educational Effectiveness and Improvement

Main activities and events of the SIG in the past year.

Planned physical events postponed due to Covid-19: Small schools, big issue? Exploring the future for small schools in England. A one day conference. Virtual activities of the SIG include blogs and podcasts, which can be accessed here: <https://www.bera.ac.uk/search?select-sig%5B0%5D=educational-effectiveness-and-improvement¤t-page=1#listing> These include a new podcast series developed by SIG Convenor Prof Tanya Ovenden-Hope 'Education Unmasked'.

What are the key issues currently affecting your Special Interest Area?

Covid-19 has impacted on schools, colleges and educational organisations to the detriment of their effectiveness and opportunities for improvement. It also means that accessing schools, colleges and educational organisations to collect data for research has been limited or removed.

Are there any particular developments for your SIG on the horizon, e.g. newsletters, publications, blogs, events, projects?

A new podcast for the Education Unmasked series with Ofsted is planned. A newsletter will be issued in the New Year. We encourage all SIG members to continue to write blogs. The small schools conference is being developed for a virtual delivery in the New Year.

What other organizations does your SIG collaborate with?

International collaboration is being developed with the AAER Rural SIG.

How has your SIG worked to encourage diversity amongst your membership? How do you plan to encourage diversity in the future?

The Educational Effectiveness and Improvement SIG is inclusive and welcomes members from all four nations to contribute through offering and attending events and activities, and by submitting blogs and podcasts.

The Educational Effectiveness and Improvement SIG is inclusive and welcomes all members equally. We review our membership regularly and positively encourage the participation of those from groups that may be under-represented.