

Social Justice

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

Earlier this year we attempted to utilise the presentations which would have been made at conference by releasing a BERA special edition. However, although we had productive discussions on what this might look like and put a call-out to members via the BERA website to express interest, there was not sufficient take-up to make this possible. As the year began, predictably the national health situation and the need to concentrate on immediate university matters of teaching effectively during a pandemic meant attention was directed elsewhere which resulted in less visible activity this year. However we have continued to send in regular newsletters for distribution to SIG members

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

The principal issue affecting the SIG is how covid has impacted on all aspects of the SIG including the capacity to network and work together; and the way covid has refocused attention onto other matters leaving less time to research, share and disseminate.

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

We would like to organise a conference in Birmingham in November 2021 with a putative title of 'Supporting Learning in Challenging Circumstances' and are currently possible speakers who may contribute to the event.

What other organizations does your SIG collaborate with?

We currently co-operate internally with other SIGs but have not formal external collaborations

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

To date we have not worked across the 4 nations and have not yet explored how we might progress this agenda

Diversity is embedded in our thinking and ethos. For all events, activities and communications we try and ensure different communities and interest groups are represented and are given full opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way.