

## **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**

**SIG CONVENORS** 

Amber Fensham-Smith Harriet Pattison The Alternative Education SIG takes the broadest approach to 'alternative' that we can. We are interested in all forms of out of school educational provision and with 'alternative' approaches within schools.

We will facilitate debate. discussion and exploration around the many issues, philosophical, political, pedagogical and ethical, that surround alternative education from PRUs to home education. We aspire for this SIG to be a meeting ground for the education which takes place in museums, libraries, homes and open spaces as well as in alternative schools, democratic schools and flexi schools, and to give a voice to those who realize education and learning differently.

We aim to promote a network of critical discussion and supportive resources for researchers, practitioners, writers and thinkers. We aim to be lively in our debate and in our SIG activity and to represent a vibrant forum of voices in this important and growing area. Research interests within the SIG are widespread and include, but are not restricted to:

- Home education
- Flexi- schooling
- Adult education
- Forest Schools
- Free Schools
- Democratic Schools
- Self-managed learning
- Museum education
- Pupil Referral Units
- Disruptive innovations in learning and teaching

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