

Bridging the Gap



Keele University and The New Vic Theatre invite you to an interactive workshop sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Research Council under their Connected Communities Programme

on

Bridging the gap between academic rigour and community relevance: fresh insights from American Pragmatism

June 3-4, 2013

The purpose of the event is to share experiences and develop new understandings of the relationship between academic research and real life issues facing different communities. The event is open to academic and community members and will involve participatory and interactive activities. Streams in the two day workshop include:

- Story telling: sharing individual/academic stories on working with different communities of practice
- Debating American Pragmatism: could problematic situations, collective creativity and common-sense make experience more central to knowledge production and vice versa?
- Interactive exercises on what counts as useful/actionable knowledge for different communities of practice/community members
- Interactive exercises on language translation and the balance of power between academics and practitioners/community members
- Mapping the future across the 'divide': designing an audio-visual installation around the two day event



Day 1

Bridging the gap between academic rigour and community relevance

11am – 5pm

at

Keele University

Keele, Staffordshire, ST5 5BG

www.keele.ac.uk/kudis/keelecampusmap/

Confirmed speakers

- ❖ Professor Harry Scarborough, Keele Management School Director, Keele University
- ❖ Dr. Latchezar Hristov, Audencia School of Management, France and Oxford Institute of Retail Management
- ❖ Dr. Zofia Dworakowska, Institute of Polish Culture, Warsaw University
- ❖ Sorana Baci, President, European Foundation for Engaged Youth
- ❖ The day will finish with an interactive workshop

Day 2

Bridging the gap (an evolutionary journey)

10am - 5pm

at

New Vic Theatre

Etruria Road, Newcastle under Lyme, ST5 0JG

<http://www.newvictheatre.org.uk/getting-here-2>

Organising committee:

Professor Mihaela Kelemen, Keele University

Sue Moffat, Director, New Vic Borderlines

Dr Anita Mangan, Keele University

Dr Theodore Zamenopoulos, Open University

Dr Busayawan Lam, Brunel University

Professor Graham Crow, Edinburgh University

Sophia de Sousa, Chief Executive, The Glass-House Community Led Design

David Humphries, Mondo Challenge Foundation

There are no fees for the event and we will pay one night accommodation for 20 participants on a first come first served basis. The event is capped at 40 participants. For more information and to register, please contact Tracey Wood on t.wood@keele.ac.uk