

PRME Regional Chapter UK and Ireland, 7th Annual Conference

Lincoln International Business School, University of Lincoln, 6-8 July 2020

Conference Theme: 'Re-thinking Responsibility'

Lincoln International Business School is delighted to host the 7th Annual Conference of the UK and Ireland PRME Regional Chapter. This year's conference theme ('Re-thinking Responsibility') is an acknowledgement of PRME's ongoing key role in the shaping of responsible management education and to inspire each member to continuously re-think their purpose and practice. For example, how do we respond to the imperatives of the global movement in declarations of a 'Climate Emergency'? We aim to facilitate questioning, reflecting and even re-thinking the purpose of management education as well as practical applications of this in terms of advancing our pedagogy and creating effective research and business partnerships. To this end we invite proposals for paper presentations (up to 15 minutes) or interactive workshops (up to 40 minutes) on the following themes:

Theme 1: Advancing pedagogy; challenges and opportunities

Under this theme we recognise that as responsible management educators considering the UN SDGs we may need to move beyond the boundaries of our subject and that as social scientists predominately teaching students from non-scientific backgrounds there are significant challenges posed. This may also involve how we enable our students to see the 'unsustainability' of conventional practice and then move beyond to consider solutions. We hope to receive contributions that inspire new ways of working beyond and across narrow academic disciplines in order to advance our pedagogy and pedagogic research in this area and the opportunities this presents.

Theme 2: Partnerships with purpose; breaking boundaries

This theme recognises the importance of effective partnerships in order to realise the UN SDGs and challenges consideration of the role that HE plays in becoming a partner; who do we need to partner with and how can we become good partners? Here we welcome contributions providing examples of effective partnering across multiple levels and impacts, for example interdisciplinary work across a business school, work across an organisation as well as community, national and international partnering. This theme could also consider how as responsible management educators we can impact institutional decision making. On this theme we would particularly welcome contributions from policymakers and business people, as well as students and sustainability professionals showcasing their work in realising the UN SDGs and being effective PRME partners.

Theme 3: Creating a vision of environmentally responsible management

Here we hope to draw out some of the more challenging questions regarding 'purpose' and this could be considered at varying levels – purpose of business, business schools, purpose of management education or of PRME. What does responsible management practice look like? How can we fulfil our role as responsible management educators without imagining the new modes of organising and managing that we need to make the transition to? We welcome contributions that explore what responsible management practice or education means in terms of global environmental challenges such as climate change, loss of biodiversity, plastic pollution, in a world of increasing inequalities and the accelerated use of artificial intelligence (AI). We encourage papers that demonstrate the *criticality* required to build a deeper understanding of societal problems as well as the *performativity* necessary to translate this deeper understanding into meaningful social action.

Submission details and key dates

We invite proposals related to teaching, research, and innovative partnerships related to one or more of the themes. The proposals can either be for paper presentations or for genuinely interactive workshops. We would particularly welcome contributions from a student perspective and there will be a number of subsidised places for students to attend the conference. We hope to compile contributions into a 'Re-thinking Responsibility: guide for PRME' for publication on the PRME UK & Ireland website and are developing proposals for an associated book.

To submit please use the submission template (available on the conference website <http://prmeuki2020.org.uk/>).

Submission deadline – 20th April 2020. You will be notified of the outcome of your submission by 22nd May 2020.

Conference registration deadline – 8th June 2020 via the website above. Conference details

Co-Chairs: Dr Claire May & Professor Ted Fuller - Lincoln International Business School

We welcome anyone with an interest in Responsible Management Education and the Sustainable Development Goals. In addition to PRME members we are keen to encourage representatives from the wider University community, including from estates, partners from the business community, and HE students of all levels: UG, Master and PhD.

For questions, please contact:
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