Language, Literacy and Identity
International Conference 1st - 2nd July 2016

Conceptualising literacy and language is a key task in a world which is on the move, both literally and symbolically. This conference engages with the theme of Language, literacy and identity in order to better understand the ways in which communities engage with literacy in different ways. We welcome papers that look at literacy, language and identity in a number of contexts, including homes, schools and communities. We are interested in the ways in which multilingual identities shape literacy practices, and we would welcome new understandings of the move to visual and digital literacies. We welcome work that engages with new paradigms for literacy, including sensory and embodied approaches and the turn to the post human in literacy research. Understanding the relationship between narrative, literacy practices and identities is also a key theme within this conference. Our approach is multi disciplinary, with a focus on language and literacy within a wide range of contexts, themes and perspectives.

Venue:
The Conference will be at The University of Sheffield at The Ridge, S10 3AY.
Further details will be available online at:  http://tinyurl.com/hcs2zvp

Abstracts
Please send abstracts to newliteracies@sheffield.uk
by 11th April 2016
by 17th April 2016 NB: NEW DEADLINE
Abstracts should be up to 350 words and based on the assumption that presentations will be 30 minutes with 15 minutes discussion.
Please signal whether your abstract is for a paper, a Short Fuse presentation or for a poster.

Paper Session:
30 minute presentation of research or an argument. 15 minutes questions.

Short Fuse:
Specifically for research students. The Short Fuse is a popular slot & is designed to allow many presentations in a focused and lively form.
The format involves:
10 Powerpoint slides only; Total presentation will be 5 minutes; 5 minutes for questions. You should set your slides to advance automatically for your talk.

Poster: You should bring your printed poster with you.