

Interchange24

Virtual Conference 18 - 22 March 2024

Interchange24 Programme

All times are GMT

Monday 18 March 2024

10.00 – 11.00 Networking Sessions

Three parallel networking sessions led by host alumni. Guests can move between sessions.

Session 1.1: *Feminisation of Care: Examining Health Care and Education from a Gender Lens*

Session 1.2: *Building a Sustainable and Purposeful Professional Network*

Session 1.3: *A Discussion on Gender Roles, Economic Security and Violence: What changes are happening in Bangladesh?*

11.30 – 13.00 Presentation Skills Workshop

Facilitated by **Lorraine Brunning**, Communication Skills Specialist, Lol Bee

This workshop aims to support alumni in refining their presentation skills and how to share their study experience and the impact of their work in a professional way.

Tuesday 19 March 2024

09.45 – 10.15 Opening Plenary

Welcome to Interchange24

Mais Montazar, Global Programme Lead, Alumni UK, British Council

Martin Hope, Global Head, Higher Education and Science, British Council

Professor Robin Mason, Chair, Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) in the UK

10.30 – 12.30 Roundtable Discussion:

Disability - Inclusive Practices for Disabled Students in the Higher Education Sector

Chair

Su Basbugu, EDI Programme Manager, British Council, Turkey

Panellists

Juliet Mulenga, Ophthalmologist, University Teaching Hospitals – Eye Hospital, Zambia

Racheal Inegbedion, Founding Executive Director, Special Needs Initiative for Growth, Nigeria

Keneuoe Semphi, Disability Inclusion Advocate, Information Access Solutions, Lesotho

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Wednesday 20 March 2024

10.00 – 11.00 **Networking Sessions**

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Session 2.1: *Gender and Workplace Equality*

Session 2.2: *Disability-based Violence Enhanced by Culture*

Session 2.3: *Digital Inclusion for Sustainable Development*

13.00 – 15.00 **Roundtable Discussion:**

Cultural Diversity - Cultural Competence in Education: Integrating Diverse Perspectives into the Curriculum

Chair

Alice Wekesa, Senior Consultant (Gender Equality), British Council, Kenya

Panellists

Nerea Okong'o, Senior Tutor (Human Geography), University of Manchester, UK

Tanjilut Tasnuba, Senior Programme Officer, International Labour Organization, Bangladesh

Landry Sugira, Advisor for Digital Skills Development, GIZ, Rwanda

Mariama Chow, Principal Education Officer / Head, In-service Education and Training of Teachers (INSET) Unit, The Gambia

Thursday 21 March 2024

10.00 – 12.00 **Diversifying Leadership Workshop**

Facilitated by **Margaret Ochieng**, Director, The Inclusive Village

This workshop will explore issues regarding Diversity and Inclusion within the recruitment context, and support alumni about to take their first steps into a leadership role.

13.00 – 15.00 **Careers Workshop**

Facilitated by **Dr. Maina WaGioko**, Director, Learning Unpacked Applied

This workshop aims to support alumni in navigating diversity in the workplace. Understanding and addressing challenges related to cultural diversity, disability, and gender are key to succeeding in today's workforce. Alumni will gain practical advice and strategies for thriving in inclusive work environments.

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Friday 22 March 2024

10.00 – 12.00

Roundtable Discussion:

Gender Roles - Redefining Gender Norms: Empowering Individuals to Challenge Stereotypes

Chair

***Radhika Singh**, Senior Consultant (Gender Equality), British Council, India*

Panellists

***Abolaji Mustapha**, Associate Professor (Sociolinguistics and Gender Studies), Lagos State University, Nigeria*

***Kaushal Sharma**, Gender and Development Consultant, DT Global / Palladium / The Asia Foundation, Fiji*

***Winfred Nyokabi Kiranga**, Conference Administrator, NomadIT, Kenya*

12.00 – 12.30

Closing Plenary

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Reflections and words of thanks