

Welcome to the third EIPPEE newsletter!

Welcome to the third issue of the newsletter for the Evidence Informed Policy and Practice in Education in Europe (EIPPEE) project. This newsletter covers the period from June to October 2012.

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As a member of the EIPPEE network, we would like to keep you informed about the project and to notify you about any forthcoming events or opportunities. The newsletter is quarterly, which you will receive every three months. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please contact [Caroline Kenny](#).



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Announcements

Details about the 2013 EIPPEE conference announced

On 5 - 6 March 2013 the EIPPEE project will host its second conference at the Lindner Congress Hotel in Frankfurt, Germany. The conference will be co-hosted by our partners, the [German Institute for International Educational Research \(DIPF\)](#).

The conference will include a pre-conference training workshop on 4 March 2013 on 'Systematic approaches to accessing and using evidence'.

We will be issuing a call for presentations and posters for this conference in November 2012. Check the website for more information.

Information about the conference can be found on the [project website](#).

Newsletter Spotlight

• **Only 5 European Commission funded bursaries left for free training from the EIPPEE project. To find out if you're eligible contact p.mellor@ioe.ac.uk**

• **Follow us on Twitter! Our username is [@EIPPEEnet](#)**

EIPPEE update

Are you from Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta? Take advantage of free EIPPEE training before it's too late!



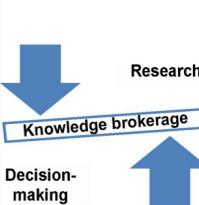
As part of the EIPPEE project we are offering free places on a choice of 3 online and face-to-face training courses on research synthesis and evidence informed policy and practice.

35 people from across Europe have already received training. Places have gone fast and we now have only 5 bursaries left. We are particularly keen to award these to people from Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey and Malta working to increase the use of research in policy and practice in education.

If you're interested in receiving free EPPI-Centre training contact [Penny Mellor](#).

[More Details](#)

Do you know about any knowledge exchange schemes between schools and universities? If so, we want to hear from you!



At the [next EIPPEE conference](#) we would like to present an overview of Knowledge Exchange schemes involving schools (or post school institutions) linking to universities (or other research institutions). If you have any information about such schemes, we would be very grateful if you could fill in a 10 minute [questionnaire here](#) to give us some basic information.

We also invite you to [send us any documentation or links to websites](#) that explain more about the Knowledge Exchange scheme you know about.

For information: By "Knowledge Exchange Scheme" we mean a systematic arrangement by which practitioners in schools (and pre- and post-school organisations) collaborate with colleagues in research institutions with a view to using research evidence to develop their practice. It may be run by schools, local government, universities or independent organisations.

[More Details](#)

EIPPEE needs your help!



The EIPPEE project has developed a consultancy service to support policy-makers, teachers and other practitioners in education to find and use research evidence to address the particular issues they are interested in. We are currently delivering this service to a local government client in the UK.

This client is interested in finding out **what research there is on effective measures, programs, mechanisms or processes to reduce gaps in educational attainment for children and young people aged 0-19 with multiple vulnerabilities** (for example those children and young people receiving free school meals because of parents on low incomes and/or receiving state-funded benefits AND with special educational needs or those in care; sometimes referred to as 'looked after children' or those living in residential institutions).

We would like your help in finding relevant, good quality, robust research on this topic. We are particularly interested in finding research from other countries. If you know of any relevant research, please [get in touch](#).

Missed Adrienne Alton-Lee speaking at EPPI-Centre, London?



On Wednesday 30 October 2012, Adrienne Alton-Lee, Chief Education Advisor at [Best Evidence Synthesis Programme](#), Ministry of Education, New Zealand visited the UK and gave a seminar at the EPPI-Centre, Institute of Education, University of London. The seminar discussed the New Zealand Best Evidence Programme and we hope to be able to make the presentation slides from this seminar available on the project website.

[More Details](#)

Lithuania and Romania host introductory workshops on systematic review methods



On 13-14 and 27-28 September, the EIPPEE team travelled to Lithuania and Romania to deliver two free training workshops on systematic review methods. The workshops covered the basic stages of undertaking a systematic review and why they are important as well as looking at the role of evidence in the policy process across Europe.

Slides from these workshops and the others we have undertaken as part of the EIPPEE project are [now available to view on the project website](#) (you will need to login to view these).

[More Details](#)

Keep in touch with the EIPPEE project



Want to know more about what's going on in the wonderful world of EIPPEE? Follow us on Twitter [@EIPPEEnet](#) for news about interesting and relevant events, training courses and anything else happening internationally in the field of evidence informed policy and practice.

Have you got evidence informed policy and practice-related news you'd like us to share? Then get in touch and we'd be happy to post it to our website and to our Twitter followers.

Let EIPPEE do the hard work so you don't have to!



Do you want to find out more about evidence informed policy and practice?

Did you know that the EIPPEE project provides information about over 300 resources including articles, papers, organisations and websites? You can access these either from the [EIPPEE website](#) or by joining the 'Evidence Informed Policy and Practice in Education' project group on [Mendeley](#). Please join us!

The resource list (plus the synchronised Mendeley library and RIS file) is updated regularly. Have we missed anything? Then let us know!

Project progress

EIPPEE Network

The EIPPEE Network continues to grow in number. By September 2012, the Network had over 450 members from 54 countries. European countries still feature highly in the top ten with membership from The Netherlands still at number one, but we have welcomed new members from Tajikistan, Nigeria, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina – this shows that this really is developing into an international, global network.



A large number of our members work in higher education or schools and research organisations at the national level, but we are pleased to see that we have attracted new members from parental associations as well as media outlets.

We are keen to spread the word about EIPPEE across the whole of Europe. We are particularly interested in engaging with new members in Estonia, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg. If you know of any individuals or organisations from these countries who may be interested in any aspect of the EIPPEE project, then please [let us know](#).

Portal

To help research become more easily available, the EIPPEE project is developing an [online search-portal](#) that will enable users to identify quality assured research.



This is divided in two main components:

1. A search engine that enables users to search multiple websites simultaneously; and
2. A map of resources, indexed by region.

To make the portal as useful as possible, we need your help in identifying resources on education from across Europe. Resources can include databases, portals, gateways and/or information sources that provide access to research in education from any country in Europe. If you use, or know of, any of these resources [please get in touch](#).

We are also very keen to hear your feedback on how user-friendly and easy to use the portal is. Have you used the portal yet? If so, we would be very grateful if you could [drop us a quick line telling us about your experiences](#) for example, how useful you think the portal is and where any changes/improvements could be made. If you haven't used the portal yet why not? Any information you can give us will be very useful.

Training

The EIPPEE project is offering [free places on a choice of three online courses](#).

So far, we have awarded 35 of the 40 bursaries available to individuals from Belgium, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and the UK.



We are extremely keen to recruit more people from Southern Europe to our courses, particularly, people from Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain and Turkey. If you are from one of these countries and interested in being trained for free then please [get in contact](#).

We are also offering 1- or 2- day workshops for free. So far, EIPPEE has delivered workshops in Poland, Netherlands and Turkey.

Mediating between research, policy and practice

The resources section of the website continues to grow. Anyone can join the 'Evidence Informed Policy and Practice in Education' group set up in [Mendeley](#) (bibliographic referencing software) to access the collection of papers and link up with other members.



Other members of the network have been using Twitter to read the EIPPEE Project news, share and communicate. Find us [@EIPPEEnet](#).

Finally, work continues on exploring the development of relevant indicators (measures) of research use.

Consultancy service

EIPPEE is providing a [free consultancy service](#) to policy-makers, teachers and managers in education across Europe.



The EIPPEE consultancy service aims to help clients to clarify the ways that research might be useful in addressing the specific policy issues or questions that they are interested in. In doing so, the service will support policy-makers, practitioners and managers working in education across Europe to use research in their decision-making and, for such research to be used appropriately.

We are currently delivering the service to local government clients in the UK and have plans to help support other organizations responsible for setting up and running schools.

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