

Themes for Burning Questions

These categories have been developed from the questions we have received from organisers and expert participants thus far. These are working themes and sub-categories and therefore subject to revision, change and experimentation. The sub-categories of one theme may be applicable to others.



Transversal Themes: Sustainability and History

Sustainability: Due to its nature and urgency, this theme is recognised as a critical foundation on which every other theme rests. Its consideration should be inherent to every thematic area.

History: In order to question our assumptions we must orient ourselves to the historical processes that contributed to creating them. Workshops should begin by considering the historical uses, non-uses and/or misuses of ideas, policies and their trajectories in education.

Theme 1: Meaning of Education

- Purpose of education
- In/formal education
- Historical origins
- Democracy in education
- Curricula
- Political ideology
- Socialisation

Theme 2: Learning Spaces, Places and the Built Environment

- In/formal education
- Built spaces of learning
- Student-led learning
- Critical Thinking
- Endangered ways of knowing
- Multisensory knowledge and learning
- Learning Commons

Theme 3: Identity in Education

- Intersectionality
- Diversity/Inclusion/Internalised racism
- Multiculturalism
- Culture of apathy
- Decoloniality
- Mental Health/Disabilities

Theme 4: Technology in Education

- Technological impacts on education
- Ethics and practice
- Artificial Intelligence in learning
- Distance learning
- Technology and socio-emotional learning

Theme 5: Education Futures

- Neoliberalism and education
- Entrepreneurial education
- Rising nationalism
- Climate change
- Global North-South-East-West
- Knowledge production and dissemination
- Big data and small data