



OECD conference - October 2021: Call for papers

DISRUPTED FUTURES:

International lessons on how schools can best equip students for their working lives

A free online conference highlighting innovative research and practice

Background

For young people around the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has not only severely disrupted education, but also challenged them to navigate transitions through education and into ultimate work over a period of economic turbulence. In response to concerns over growing youth unemployment, the OECD has been engaged in an unprecedented analysis of national longitudinal datasets to identify aspects of career guidance associated with better employment outcomes for youth – even in times of economic crisis. At this October conference, conclusions from the [Career Readiness in the Pandemic](#) project will be presented by Andreas Schleicher, OECD Director for Education and Skills. The event is also an opportunity to share insights from research and practice to help governments and schools support today's students as effectively as possible.

This call for papers invites colleagues working in policy, practice and research related to teenage career readiness to join us to discuss the findings of the study and to present related work to an international audience. The project and this conference focus on the experiences of young people whilst in primary or secondary schooling.

Call for papers – research. Researchers using large datasets to explore the effectiveness of career guidance initiatives and other aspects of teenage career preparation are invited to propose papers for inclusion in the conference. Papers can be comparative or focus on results from individual countries.

Call for papers – practice. Practitioners are invited to propose papers that set out examples of career guidance practice that i) encourage and enable students to expand and refine their career thinking ii) help students to directly encounter the world of work through efficient and equitable means iii) support students in developing psychological resiliency in face of challenging labour markets.

To submit a paper for consideration

To submit a paper for consideration, please complete an application template for either a [research](#) or a [practice](#) session. Papers should take no more than 20 minutes to present with additional time provided for questions and comments from conference participants. The deadline for submissions is **7 July 2021**. The conference language for papers and presentations will be English. The online conference will be free to attend and delivered through Zoom. It will take place on Central European Time (Paris).

The conference will be held over three days, from **27 - 29 October 2021**, with short sessions held in the morning and afternoon to enable international participation. To register to attend the conference, please visit:

<https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcocequpzstHtbUY3q0Mlna6ijsd5wcl4lk>

If you have any questions or enquiries, please contact career.readiness@oecd.org.

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