

# NEWSLETTER



## WERA TASKFORCE Global Research in Extended Education

Dear Members and Colleagues of the WERA Task Force Global Research in Extended Education, I am pleased to share with you the first newsletter of 2026. If you would like to contribute information about events, calls for papers, job announcements, or recent publications in future newsletters, please email me at [extended-education@fu-berlin.de](mailto:extended-education@fu-berlin.de).

Best regards,

Martina Bateson

Secretariat

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**Prof. Jennifer Cartmel**



**Assoc. Prof.  
Helene Elvstrand**

The first meeting of the new Executive Committee (2025–2027) took place on 21 November 2025. The committee elected its new Chair Prof. Jennifer Cartmel and Deputy Chair Assoc. Prof. Helene Elvstrand. We extend our warm congratulations to both and look forward to their guidance as we move into the next phase of our work.

We also express our sincere appreciation to the past Chair Prof. Marianne Schüpbach for her dedicated leadership over the past eight years. Her commitment and vision have significantly shaped the IRN and Task Force and fostered a vibrant, international research community in extended education.

All members of the new Executive Committee are looking forward to continued engagement and ongoing collaboration in order to advance global research in extended education!

## WEBINAR SERIES

## WERA TASK FORCE *Global Research in Extended Education*

### Webinar Series

*Brendon Hyndman*

**BUSINESS**  
Associate Professor of Education  
Associate Dean Academic  
Faculty of Arts & Education  
Charles Sturt University



Associate Professor Brendon Hyndman is an internationally recognised education researcher focused on learning, wellbeing and development across the whole school day, spanning classroom practice and the less scripted 'informal curriculum' beyond timetabled lessons (e.g., recess, lunch and outdoor learning). His work examines how teachers are prepared to recognise and support learning in these contexts, and how school environments and routines can strengthen belonging, self-direction, inclusion and student wellbeing. Brendon has led international mixed-methods research with teachers across multiple countries and translates evidence into practical guidance for educators and decision-makers through public scholarship and sector engagement. He has held senior academic leadership roles in higher education and has also worked in system-level education to design frameworks and structures that help schools plan, trial and sustain evidence-informed initiatives. His applied intervention research (including the LEAP intervention) demonstrates how feasible, low-cost changes to school play and activity environments can produce meaningful benefits, and has informed subsequent research, practice guidance and measurement approaches.



## Beyond the Classroom: Teacher Preparedness for Informal Curricular Ecosystems

Thursday 9th April, 2026

TUR - Istanbul	12:00 pm
AUS - Brisbane	19:00 pm
GER - Berlin	11:00 am
KOR - Seoul	19:00 pm
UK - London	10:00 am

### Moderator:

Assoc. Prof. Bünyamin Bavlı  
School of Education  
Yıldız Technical University, Türkiye



JOIN US



Speaker\*

A/Prof. Brendon Hyndman  
Charles Sturt University  
Australia

## Interested in sharing your work? Let us help you bring your ideas to a wider audience!

As a member, you're warmly invited to present your projects, publications, or pressing topics in one of our upcoming webinars. Have an idea? Get in touch!

## FOCUS GROUPS



Focus Groups offer researchers and practitioners a space to collaborate on specific topics in Extended Education.

### Focus Groups:

- Enable a continuous exchange and collaboration between researchers (and practitioners).
- Develop a common understanding of key terms and concepts in the field.
- Hold regular online meetings.
- Contribute to EE conferences and webinars.

### WERA Taskforce GREE Focus Groups:

- **FG1:** Well-being and Well-becoming in EE
- **FG2:** Quality and Professionalism in EE
- **FG3:** Self-Determination & Autonomy in EE
- **FG4:** Leadership in EE
- **FG5:** Children's Perspectives in EE

## Interested to learn more?

Further information about the Focus Groups—including how to join and what to expect—will be shared throughout the year!



<https://www.ewi-psy.fu-berlin.de/en/v/wera-irn-extended-education/Home/index.html>

## IJREE – INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR RESEARCH ON EXTENDED EDUCATION

IJREE has established itself as the only international journal dedicated to extended education research, maintaining a strong reputation for quality and relevance. The most recent publication (Vol. 13, No. 2–2025) is a special issue on **Children’s Rights in Extended Education**.

### Looking for a scholarly outlet for your research on extended education?

The journal warmly encourages you to continue submitting your valuable research so that it can be shared across the global academic community.



<https://budrich-journals.de/index.php/IJREE>

## TERA-WERA INVITED SYMPOSIUM

Our **TASK FORCE** is honoured to organise an invited symposium at the upcoming **TERA-WERA Conference in Kaohsiung, Taiwan (15–18 October 2026)**.

We are seeking members dedicated to exploring **collaborations/partnerships between schools and extended education institutions/professionals**. This is a unique opportunity to present your findings at the National Sun Yat-sen University alongside a global community of education researchers.

At this stage, a **WORKING TITLE** is sufficient to express your interest.

**ORGANIZERS:** [Haiqin Ning](#), [Marianne Schüpbach](#), [Jennifer Cartmel](#)

✉ **TO APPLY:** Please reach out directly via [LinkedIn](#) Message or Email to [haiqin.ning@fu-berlin.de](mailto:haiqin.ning@fu-berlin.de)

Call for  
Symposium  
Contributions



TERA Conference 2026 & WERA Focal Meeting  
Bridging Cultures, Co-creating Knowledge:  
Local Innovations and Global Visions in Education  
October 15-18, 2026

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