

## GENERAL PROGRAM



# Cities Learning Together

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Local Communities in the Sustainable and Healthy Learning City

Exploring tensions, connections and syntheses between:

- Central policies and administration, and local, collaborative action, involving public, private, academic and civil society sectors
- Economic growth and balanced social development
- Short-cycle problem-solving and long-term action to contain and reduce global warming
- The roles of local communities and neighbourhoods in addressing the big issues confronting cities

18-20 November 2013 Eaton Hotel, Hong Kong

Conference details:

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PASCAL International Observatory

Hosted by the Hong Kong Institute of Education

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*Programme Outline*

**Monday 18 November**

**Plenary Session 1 09.00 – 11.00**

**09.00 - 09.45**

**Welcome to Hong Kong and Opening of Conference**

Hong Kong	Rupert Maclean
RMIT EU Centre	Bruce Wilson
PASCAL Chair	Josef Konvitz

*Musical Entertainment: yangqing solo*

Other platform members as Conference partners

See Ching Mey, APUCEN	Maria Khan, ASPBAE
Mary-Jane Ortega, CITYNET	Heribert Hinzen, dvv international
Don Min Choi, EAFAE	Alan Tuckett, ICAE
Rajesh Tandon, PRIA/LOGOLINK	
Bob Adamson, Hong Kong Institute of Education UNESCO-UNEVOC Centre	

**Introduction Conference Rationale, Themes and Logistics, Big Tent**

Chris Duke, Bob Adamson, Rajesh Tandon

**09.45 - 11.00**

**The Context and Concept of the Learning City**

*Plenary Panel*

**The Learning City – Governance, Cities, Communities and Neighbourhoods**

*Session moderator: Joanne Curry*

Peter Kearns, *Co-director. PASCAL International Exchanges (PIE)*  
Nicola Vathauer, *Director EUROCITIES Communications, Brussels, Belgium*  
Jian Huang, *East China Normal University, Shanghai, P.R.China*  
Jin Yang, *UNESCO Institute for Longlife Learning (UIL), Hamburg, Germany*  
See Ching Mey, *Chair Asia-Pacific University-Community Engagement Network (APUCEN) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor USM, Malaysia*

Followed by interaction and contributions from the floor

**Monday 18 November 2013 (cont)**

**Plenary Session 2 11.30 – 12.45**

**How to Achieve Sustainable Action and Change**

**Who does and can do what?**

(City administrators and planners, Civil society, Higher education. Business)

*Session moderator:* Howard Nielsen

**Plenary Panel**

Mary-Jane Ortega, *Secretary-General of CITYNET, Philippines*

Mike Osborne, *University of Glasgow, UK*

Kim Shinil, *Baekseok University, Seoul, Korea*

Ratna Jain, *Hon'ble Mayor Kota Municipal Corporation, Kota, India*

**Theme Groups Session 3 14.00 – 17.15**

**Parallel sessions Theme Strands (see discrete programs)**

**What are the big issues and challenges for this area?**

**Who can achieve progress in this area and how?**

**Public and private sectors, civil society, higher education**

**Economic**

*Session leaders and moderators:* Bruce Wilson and Waltraut Ritter

*Theme reporter:* Josef Konvitz

**Green**

*Session leaders and moderators:* Robbie Guevara and Eric Tsang

*Theme reporter:* Sandy Morrison

**Health**

*Session leaders and moderators:* Peter Kearns and Benjamin Chan

*Theme reporter:* Denise Reghenzani-Kearns

**Social**

*Session leaders and moderators:* Rajesh Tandon and Elizabeth Tang

*Theme reporter:* Howard Nielsen

**17.15 – 18.30**

***Small group meetings***

**1900 Conference Dinner, Eaton Hotel (pre-registered)**

**Tuesday 19 November 2013**

**Theme Strands III All-day session – see separate programmes**

**Four Parallel Working Programmes on the key themes and challenges:  
Working towards Sustainability and Integration and concluding with a Review of Issues and Findings  
to report on these Themes**

**Economics** led by Bruce Wilson and Waltraut Ritter with Josef Konvitz  
**Green** led by Robbie Guevara and Eric Tsang with Sandy Morrison  
**Health** led by Peter Kearns and Benjamin Chan with Denise Reghenzani-Kearns  
**Social** led by Rajesh Tandon and Elizabeth Tang with Howard Nielsen

**17.00 Harbour cruise and Island dinner**

**Wednesday 20 November**

**Plenary Session 6 09.00 – 10.30**

**Panel Reports to full Conference from the Four Theme Reporters**

*Session moderator:* Chris Duke

**Economic** Josef Konvitz, *Chair PASCAL International Observatory*  
**Green** Sandy Morrison, *Senior Lecturer/Pukenga Matua - Associate Dean, School of Māori  
and Pacific Development, University of Waikato*  
**Health** Denise Reghenzani-Kearns, *Regional President, Australian College of Educators*  
**Social** Howard Nielsen, *Principal Consultant and Co-owner NACC Consulting, Australia*

Followed by moderated discussion

**Plenary Session 7 11.00 – 12.30**

**Review and Dialogue: Learning in and by the emergent New  
Learning City**

*Session moderator:* Mike Osborne

**1. Actors and Partners**

City and local administrations	Chris Shepherd
Civil society	Heribert Hinzen
Higher education	Hans Schuetze

**2. Overarching Issues and Tensions**

**The ‘Global Problematique’ and the Local Neighbourhood Community – Integration and  
the Challenges of Devolution and Community Animation**

*Session moderator:* Rajesh Tandon

Elaine Webster, *University of Otago, New Zealand*  
Nicola Vathauer, *Director EURO CITIES Communications, Brussels, Belgium*  
Martin Henwood, *Bishop of Rochester's Advisor for Thames Gateway, UK*  
Robbie Guevara, *President ASPBAE, Australia*  
Un Shil Choi, *President of National Institute for Lifelong Education (NILE), South Korea*

**Wednesday 20 November 2013 (cont)**

**Plenary Session 8 14.00 – 15.30**

**Implementing Policies - Strategies for Collaboration and Reconciliation  
How to join up portfolios and levels, governmental and NGO effort**

*Session moderator:* Sunette Pienaar

Jin Yang, *UNESCO Institute for Longlife Learning (UIL), Hamburg, Germany*

Yuan Dayong, *Institute of Vocational and Adult Education, Beijing, China*

Peter Kearns, *Co-director. PASCAL International Exchanges (PIE)*

Bruce Wilson, *Director EU Centre RMIT University, Australia*

**Plenary Session 9 16.00 - 17.15**

**Conclusions - Looking Ahead**

*Session moderator:* Chris Duke

**Review of Conference Issues and Outcomes**

*Conference Rapporteurs:* Rupert Maclean and Lorraine Pe Symaco

**Big Tent Statement**

Robbie Guevara, Carol Ma and Rajesh Tandon.

**Springer Book Publication**

Rupert Maclean and Bruce Wilson

**Next Steps: some Partner Perspectives**

**Personal Hopes and Future Perspectives**

**Farewell and Closing of Conference**

Bob Adamson, HKIEd, Hong Kong City, PASCAL

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