



WERA TASK FORCE Global Research in Extended Education

3rd Business Meeting of the WERA TASK FORCE Global Research in Extended Education

Norrköping, 26 September 2025

Moderation

Prof. Dr. Marianne Schüpbach, Chair of the WERA TASK FORCE

Minutes

Dr. Haiqin Ning, Secretariat of the WERA TASK FORCE

Participants

63 in total: 53 on-site, 10 online

Agenda and Minutes

1. Welcome Address and Minutes of the 2nd Business Meeting

- Marianne Schüpbach welcomed all attendees, including TASK FORCE (TF) members and non-members.
- Welcomed everyone interested in becoming a member, which is free of charge:
<https://ssl2.cms.fu-berlin.de/ewi-psy/en/v/wera-irn-extended-education/members-and-executive-committee-/PM-become-a-member/index.html>
- The agenda and minutes of the last business meeting distributed two weeks earlier are agreed upon by all participants.

2. Developments of the TASK FORCE: Annual Report

This is the second year of the Executive Committee (EC) in this election period, and the WERA Task Force's tasks have been divided among its members. All EC members provided a brief report on their functions, presenting the TF's developments over the past year (September 2024 – September 2025). Four EC meetings were held.

2.1. Marianne Schüpbach

Membership update: Since September 2024, 41 new members have joined the TASK FORCE. As of September 2025, the Task Force has a total of 366 members, representing 47 countries and regions. She has also planned two future conferences of the TASK FORCE:

- 1) 2027: at the University College of Teacher Education in Vienna, Austria (Contact person: Prof. Dr. James Loparics)

- 2) 2029: at VIA University College, Denmark (Contact person: Associate Prof. Dr. David T. Gravesen)

2.2. Jennifer Cartmel

She organised the WERA Task Force Conference 2024 at Griffith University's Southbank campus in Brisbane, Australia. Further she organised four webinars on different topics, as follows:

- 1) Join a Focus Group (2025-03-12) Presenter: Michelle Jutzi; Chair: Jennifer Cartmel
- 2) How to set up research projects for international collaborations (2025-04-09)
Presenter: Patricia Schuler
- 3) International Panel: New ideas for staff training (2025-06-04) Speakers: Marianne Schüpbach, Kylie Brannelly, Jasmin Näpfli, Maree McQuade; Chair: Michelle Jutzi
- 4) AI in the Academic Toolkit (2025-06-23) Speakers: Michelle Ronksley-Pavia; Chair: Bünyamin Bavli, Jennifer Cartmel

Besides, she encouraged every member of the TASK FORCE to present their research or experience related to extended education in future webinars. Format: 30 min presentation, 30 min Q&A. Please get in touch with J.Cartmel@griffith.edu.au.

2.3. Michelle Jutzi

She coordinated the initiative of Focus Groups for the TASK FORCE with the following aims (more details can be found on the [website](#)):

- 1) Enable a continuous exchange between researchers (and practitioners)
- 2) Develop a common understanding of key terms and concepts in their field
- 3) Hold regular online meetings (dates will be published on the website)
- 4) Contribute to EE conferences (host a meetup), webinars
- 5) Improve collaboration between researchers

The first on-site meeting within the focus groups took place on September 25 in Norrköping. The number of attendees and the respective facilitators are as follows. Further steps will follow:

| Focus Groups | Attendees | Facilitators |
|--|-----------|-------------------|
| Children's perspectives | 23 | Helene Elvstrand |
| Autonomy and Self-determination in Extended Education | 8 | Jasmin Näpfli |
| Leadership | 13 | Michelle Jutzi |
| Quality & Professionalism | 30 | Regula Windlinger |
| Transitions from early childhood and to the school context | 7 | Jenny Cartmel |
| Wellbeing | 10 | Barbara Stampfli |

She conducted an international exchange project funded by Movetia (a Swiss foundation) called CONSENT: Consensus on school-based extended education curriculum and training – [CONSENT | PHBern](#), in which she co-organised a national conference in Switzerland on May 23, 2025, entitled “Recommendations don't get us anywhere... do they?!", and received

various impulses for further development. Currently, she is developing “IDEA” as a follow-up to the CONSENT-Project: “Leadership for Quality in Extended Education,” to gather data from the EE using a mixed-methods approach. The team invites all interested parties to continue this discussion with them, and looks forward to national and international cooperation: michelle.jutzi@phbern.ch.

2.4. Kirsten Kerr and David Gravesen

They coordinated and submitted an invitational Symposium to the WERA Focal Meeting in Brazil, 26-30 October 2025, titled “Exploring Issues of Quality in Extended Education Programs”. Contributors are: Marianne Schuepbach, Karin Lager, Melissa Mister, Tony Raden, Mary Ellen Caron, Kirstin Kerr, Jule Schmidt, Haiqin Ning, and Nanine Lilla.

They also shared that news about the future invitational symposia will be distributed through the TASK FORCE newsletter. Members interested in engaging with peers or leading a research initiative are encouraged to initiate symposia. The Executive Committee will provide support to facilitate these initiatives.

2.5. Bünjamin Bavli

With the support of Jennifer Cartmel, he organised two specific webinars targeted at young scientists:

- 1) My Path to Publishing: Practical Insights (2024-10-25), speaker: Dr Ahmet Basel
- 2) AI in the Academic Toolkit (2025-06-23), speaker: Dr Michelle Ronksley-Pavia

These webinars reached participants from various countries and received positive feedback. More activities will be planned in the future. Young scientists are welcome to reach out if interested in collaborating or connecting: bunyaminbavli@gmail.com.

2.6. Haiqin Ning

She assisted the Chair with organising Executive Committee meetings and the 3rd business meeting. She sent a total of 5 regular (bimonthly) newsletters, 1 New Year's letter, and 3 irregular communications via the TASK FORCE email.

Further, she communicated with the TASK secretariat concerning the promotion of TASK FORCE activities. The TF website has been maintained and extended in the areas: [Conference 2027, Webinars, and Focus Groups](#).

Last but not least, she is managing the TASK FORCE account on [LinkedIn](#). Archived about 180 followers.

2.7. Helene Elvstrand

She organised the WERA Task Force Conference 2025 at Linköping University, Campus Norrköping, Sweden, with the following information:

- Participants = 150
- Countries = 18
- Symposia = 10 (which includes 3-4 individual papers)
- Individual Papers = 75

- Panels = 1
- Keynotes = 2

Besides, she is managing updates of the TASK FORCE on Instagram. Members are welcome to follow:



3. International Journal of Research in Extended Education (IJREE)

The Editor-in-Chief, Sang-Hoon Bae, reported that the IJREE is the unique and internationally recognised refereed journal in the field of extended education: <https://www.budrich-journals.de/index.php/IJREE>. IJREE can be found in a variety of international search engines: ASCI (Asian Science Citation Index), ERIC (Education Resources Information Centre), ARC (Australian Research Council), Norwegian Research Database, EBSCOhost, Education Index, Google Scholar, etc.

Since its first publication in 2013, it has been published twice a year, in June and December. Currently, the 2025-1 issues are being edited and typeset, with four articles accepted. 2025-2 Issues: Special Issue is in progress; the topic is Children's voices about extended education

Actions needed to increase contributions, downloads, and subscriptions.

Further plans for the journal in the upcoming year are:

- Special Issue
 - Typically organised after the annual conference
 - An established rule: No consecutive special issues; At least one regular issue per year
 - A special issue request: "Extended Education in the Nordic Welfare Societies" by David Thore Gravesen and Kirsten Elisa Petersen
- Scopus database inclusion
 - Plan to apply for Scopus listing for IJREE within this year.
 - Reviewed SCOPUS indexing standards.
 - No critical issues found

IJREE is also now on social media; members are welcome to follow:

- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ijree.official/>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/editor-ijree-14085426b/>

4. Election of the next Executive Committee for the period 2025 – 2027

Guidelines and Procedures for Nomination: The Executive Committee comprises 5–9 representatives, including professorial and post-doctoral members from around the world. Ex officio members (non-elected) include the Past Chair, the Editor-in-Chief of IJREE, and the

upcoming Conference Organiser. Only individuals listed on the Task Force membership list are eligible for nomination.

Election Timeline:

- Call for Nominations: 7 May 2025
- Close of Nominations: 11 June 2025
- Open Voting: 25 September 2025
- Declaration of Results: 25 September 2025 (during the Business Meeting of the Task Force at the Conference, on-site and online)

The following candidates were nominated for the Executive Committee (2025–2027):

- Prof. Kirsten Kerr
- Prof. Michelle Jutzi
- Assoc. Prof. Jennifer Cartmel
- Assoc. Prof. Helene Elvstrand
- Assoc. Prof. Bünyamin Bavli
- Dr. Haiqin Ning
- Dr. Nanine Lilla
- Dr. Ruth Emsley
- Martina Bateson

Non-Elected (Ex Officio) Members (2025–2027):

- Prof. Marianne Schüpbach – Past Chair of the Task Force
- Prof. Sang Hoon Bae – Editor-in-Chief of IJREE
- Prof. James Loparis – Organiser of the 2027 Conference

Voting Procedure: Only members who participated in the meeting (either on-site or virtually) were eligible to vote. The election of the Executive Committee (EC) was conducted as a single group vote for all nominees.

Voting Results:

- Agree: 40 (on-site) + 6 (online)
- Disagree: 0
- No Vote: 13 (on-site) + 4 (online)

At the next EC meeting, the newly elected Executive Committee will determine the internal distribution of roles and responsibilities.

5. Visioning about the TASK FORCE

Jennifer Cartmel facilitated a visioning activity with all on-site participants regarding the TASK FORCE's future activities and vision. Each participant's contribution was recorded on paper and collected individually. She will analyse these contributions and share the results with the EC.

6. The Next TASK FORCE Conference 2027 in Vienna, Austria

James Loparics announced the upcoming TASK FORCE Conference 2027, to be held from September 21-25 at the Vienna University of Teacher Education – Urban Diversity Education Campus.

The conference topic will be “Extended Education – Diversity and Equality”.

- Conference facts:
 - 21.09. Pre-conference and meetings, practitioner conference?
 - 22.09. Side program (sightseeing), school visits
 - 22.09. Opening (evening)
 - 23.09. Main conference, conference dinner
 - 24.09. Main conference
 - 25.09. Morning main conference
- Preparation schedule
 - Sept 2025: Information at conference in Sweden
 - Aug 2026: Reviewer List
 - Sept 2026: Call for Papers
 - Jan 2027: Submission Closed
 - March 2027: Decision and Registration

The conference website with further information has been established.

https://phwien.ac.at/infos_termine/wera-task-force-extended-education-conference-2027/

7. Other Topics

No