

Flourishing in the margins? Challenging discourses of group-based deficit

How are particular groups of learners constructed and (mis)represented in discourses of policy and advocacy?

Why is their visibility often achieved through deficit labelling?

What can be done about it?

Seminar format

This interactive seminar begins with a series of invited 10 minute presentations on how mis-representation is constructed in relation to particular groups.

We will examine the construction(s) of group-based deficit in relation to people who are Gypsies and European Roma; mobile pastoralists; indigenous; refugees; disabled; street children; LGBT; speakers of minority languages.

Through the day, we will build our analyses of how these constructs have shaped educational responses around the world, what needs to change, and how.



Speakers will include:

Sheila Aikman (indigenous groups)

Caroline Dyer (mobile pastoralists)

Spyros Themelis (Gypsies and European Roma)

