

CEPA Public Engagement Competition

Write a policy brief on your research

Calling all education masters and doctoral students! The Centre for Education and Policy Analysis (CEPA), in association with the British Education Studies Association (BESA), are asking all postgraduate students in the field of education to consider social policy dimensions of their postgraduate research.

Submissions are invited in the form of a 'policy brief'. Writing a policy brief can help build an audience for your research and identify potential research partners. Depending on the stage of your research, the purpose of the brief could be to identify a research need, or to identify policy implications related to your research. Policy briefs can be written for a variety of policy actors. For example, it could be addressed to policy makers or to broader communities affected by current policies.

This is a great opportunity to think about the public engagement skills that will allow you to share your work with the wider policy community, connect with other research students, and also to boost your academic (or non-academic) CV.

Entries can take any form – a text, podcast, video or poster – but must consist of no more than 1200 words. Entries will be judged by a panel of representatives, and will be considered on the author's ability to convey messages clearly to a target audience; communicate issues in clear language; and with effective use of evidence.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday 30th July 12 noon**. The best entry will be awarded vouchers worth £150 with two runners-up being awarded prizes worth £50 each.

In addition to their prize, the winning submission will be put forward for consideration for publication in one of the BESA journals. It may be necessary to adapt the submission for publication. The winner will be given the chance to work with a specially assigned member of the editorial staff to advise them on making any changes necessary.

CEPA will also publish all commended submissions on the CEPA blog and Twitter. We will offer support in bringing your work to a wider audience.

To submit your entry, or for any other enquiries about this initiative, please email Dr Cathal O'Siochru – osiochc@hope.ac.uk.