

Topic Newsletter

I am writing to remind you that a new Topic year is about to begin. Thanks to all of you who have returned their forms promptly! Please send us your renewal forms if you have them – or contact me and I will send you a replacement if you need one.

Points of Interest in 2006

Articles to be published in 2006 will include the following

- *Fifteen years of Topic*
- Penny Clayton
- *Admission and exclusion policies: how are students with SEN affected?*
- Kate Ridley
- *Making a successful transition to year 1*
- Caroline Sharp, Gabrielle White, Bethan Burge and Anna Eames
- *Education welfare: at the crossroads*
- Ken Reid
- *The research-engaged school: taster article*
- Caroline Sharp and Anna Eames
- *Topic Tool-kit 2: Selecting a sample*
- Paula Hammond

Topic Profile - Louise Stoll

We are delighted to announce that Professor Louise Stoll of the University of London Institute of Education will be our next Topic Profile interviewee. Louise's research and development work focuses on school improvement, leadership and capacity for learning and change. As President of the International Congress for School Effectiveness and School Improvement (ICSEI), an organisation of practitioners, researchers and policy makers from over 70 countries, she is keen to bridge the divide between different constituent groups. For more information about Louise and her work [click here](#). If you would like to send a question to be included in the interview, please send it to Alison at a.lawson@nfer.ac.uk by 31 January 2006.

Topic Conference 2006

We are hoping to hold a Topic conference this year, and although details have not yet been finalised, we've had notes of interest already from our current subscribers. The theme of the conference is *Using Research to Inform Practice*. Please read a little more about the conference format on the attached document. You can also use this form to register your interest. There is no obligation at this point, we will send you an invitation and conference programme in February.



Topic conference 2006

using research to inform practice

The theme for the first Topic conference is **using research to inform practice**. Presentations will show how the results of current and recent research have practical implications in schools. The conference is sponsored by education publisher Taylor & Francis, who will attend with a stand offering relevant books and journals for sale.

The full-day conference will be split into presentations in the morning and breakout workshops for discussion in the afternoon. A plenary session with questions and answers will end the day.

The conference will be held in Slough, Berkshire in May 2006 (final date to be confirmed, but will not be in half-term week commencing 29 May).

Attendance at the conference includes delegate pack and lunch.

Registration fee for Topic subscribers is £75.00

Registration fee for non-subscribers is £100.00

If you are interested in attending the conference, please contact Alice Yorke on 01753 637002 or at book.sales@nfer.ac.uk. Alternatively, complete the short form below. No payment is required at this time. We will send you the full conference programme and further details in early 2006. This information will also be available at www.topiconline.co.uk nearer to the time.

Please send me further information about the **Topic conference 2006**

Name: _____

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Postcode: _____ Email: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Return to Alice Yorke by fax on 01753 637280, or post to NFER, The Mere, Upton Park, Slough SL1 2DQ