Call for Papers – SEWF Academic Forum 2021

Forum Rationale

Social Enterprise World Forum, with SEWF 2021 Co-host Common Good Solutions, and our Academic Organising Partners Saint Mary’s University Centre for leadership Excellence, Glasgow Caledonian University, Griffith University, Swinburne University of Technology and Euclid Network, are bringing together educators, academics, researchers, students and practitioners for SEWF’s first-ever virtual Academic Forum.

The SEWF Academic Forum 2021 will focus on achieving stronger collaboration between academia and the social enterprise sector by exploring the ways through which academia can support sectoral growth. This Forum is about increasing the impact of research and teaching through innovation in knowledge translation, action research and boosting opportunities for work-integrated learning. The Forum will push participants from academia and the social enterprise sector alike to question the role of academia in supporting the growth of the social enterprise sector and furthering action and conversation about how we can collectively and collaboratively work across sectors to tackle wicked problems.

This scientific event is also partnered with the Social Enterprise Journal for a special issue titled ‘Better Together: Collaborative approaches to advancing SDGs through social enterprise. Research papers that present problems, innovative ideas and are considered high quality by the Academic Forum’s Scientific Committee will be invited to submit papers for the special issue.

To appeal to a wide audience, the Academic Forum will feature papers and presentations related to three core streams.

Forum Streams

**Track 1: Advancing social enterprise research**

Empirical, theoretical and methodological papers focused on developing and applying scientific knowledge of social enterprise. This stream will favour abstract proposals focused on the following areas: SDGs, public policy, cooperatives, Indigenous social enterprise, social impact assessment, growth and scale, human resources and governance.
Track 2: Advancing social enterprise teaching
Developments, approaches or pedagogical challenges, opportunities and best practices in teaching social enterprise. This stream will favour explorations of action research, collaborative teaching, use of networks in teaching and work-integrated and service-based learning.

Track 3: Advancing social enterprise engagement
Reflections on lessons learned from universities and social enterprises working together in partnership, whether locally or internationally. This stream will favour explorations of working across traditional boundaries in social enterprise with an emphasis on projects and practices in which academia has supported the advancement of the sector. Challenges, opportunities and lessons learned from partnerships between social enterprises and universities at local, national or international levels are welcome topics.

Track 4: Open stream
This track will cover papers and panels not otherwise related to the above three streams, but still within the scope of the Academic Forum. This is also a good place for undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students to submit research as emerging scholars.

Guidelines for authors

Submissions from emerging scholars at undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate and early career researchers are highly encouraged. Please use this form to submit your 400-word (including references) abstract or panel proposal to the Academic Forum Scientific Organising Committee for consideration. A maximum of one submission per person will be considered. In the case of co-authored papers, authors can be included on more than one paper, but authors will not be permitted to present more than one paper. The deadline for submissions is 17 September 2021 and you will be notified of the outcome by 8 October 2021.

If you have any general queries relating to any scientific aspect of the symposium, please do not hesitate to contact the Academic Forum Co-chairs Dr. Chantal Hervieux (Chantal.Hervieux@smu.ca) and Maeve Curtin (Maeve.Curtin@sewfonline.com).

On behalf of our SEWF 2021 Co-host Common Good Solutions and our Academic Partners, Saint Mary’s University Centre for leadership Excellence, Glasgow Caledonian University, Griffith University, Swinburne University of Technology and Euclid Network, we look forward to welcoming you to the SEWF Academic Forum in November 2021!

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