Aims of the Conference
The ESCalate conference for Initial Teacher Education is now well established as a key forum for teacher educators to get together to discuss and share thoughts and inspirations concerning their research and practice. We expect a high quality of presentations from colleagues as in previous years, and we are looking forward to bringing the conference to Wales for the first time this year. Glyndŵr University has an award-winning portfolio of purpose-built, state-of-the-art conference and venue facilities. We are delighted to welcome Professor Joan Whitehead to give the opening keynote and introduce our theme by speaking on; ‘Challenges and opportunities for teacher education in a new era: visioning and realising’. Professor Whitehead has a wealth of experience in teacher education and she will stimulate us into thinking about trends in teacher education policies, as well as demographic, economic and social challenges, and question our responsiveness to these challenges. We present a rich and varied programme drawn from our teacher education community and look forward to welcoming you to this important event in the ITE calendar.

Who is it for?
The conference is aimed at all practitioners working in Initial Teacher Education in the UK and all other agencies with a professional interest in teacher education. Our focus is on preparing students for schools. It provides a unique opportunity to share ideas and discuss together present issues of concern. We are enthusiastic to learn from comparative practice in other countries than England and offer a warm welcome to colleagues from Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and beyond.

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