



**Programme for first meeting of
the Leverhulme International Research Network
19th/20th April 2012
The Moray House School of Education,
University of Edinburgh**

**Special Education and Policy Change:
A Study of Six Jurisdictions**

Venue: The Seminar Room, Simon Laurie House

Day 1 – Thursday 19th April 2012

The purpose of Day 1 is to set the scene for the project. Project participants have been asked to summarise some basic information¹ on SEN/ASN for their particular jurisdiction (see footnote) and to do a short presentation, followed by discussion.

9.30 – 10.00	Welcome and clarification of the programme
10.00 – 10.45	Linda Graham, Macquarie University. New South Wales
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee
11.00 – 11.45	Sip-Jan Pijl, University of Groningen. The Netherlands
11.45 -12.30	Sheila Riddell, University of Edinburgh. England. Martyn Rouse will also be here, and will hopefully be able to add some insights based on his knowledge of the English context.
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.15	Elisabet Weedon, University of Edinburgh. Scotland
14.15 – 14.45	Eva Hjörne, University of Gothenburg. Sweden (Elisabet)
14.45 – 15.00	Coffee
15.00 - 15.45	Scot Danforth via Skype from San Diego and Lani Florian, University of Aberdeen. U.S.A.
15.45 – 16.00	Summary of Day 1

- ¹ Description of your jurisdiction (total population, school population, urban/rural spread, GDP, industries etc)
- Structure of the general education system in your jurisdiction
- Structure of SEN/ASN system and how this relates to the structure of the general education system (proportion of school population in special settings, categories of learning difficulty/disability/social difficulty which are recognised).
- Broad principles underpinning the mainstream and special education systems and changes over the past decade.
- Major challenges for the special and mainstream systems at the present time.



Day 2 – Friday 20th April 2012

Morning	Discussion of future plans in the light of the draft paper.
Afternoon	Detailed plan of network meeting at Macquarie University, Sydney, 22 nd – 23 rd October 2012