



Better Together: Family, School and community partnership in urban contexts

This conference brings together teachers with academics to discuss how best to use parental engagement to enhance children's learning in contexts of increased population diversity. Urban schools must continue to adapt and respond to new and changing populations with complex histories and varying prior learning experiences. Partnerships between schools, families and communities are vital in addressing some of the challenges in securing equal achievement for all children in schools, since families are recognized as having great influence on student attendance and engagement. The conference enables teachers and researchers to share their perspectives on the opportunities and consider the challenges of engaging in such work:

- What messages can be learned from practice and research on this topic?
- What strategies work well in developing home-school cooperation?
- What can be learned from where it goes wrong?
- What implicit assumptions must be considered when engaging with this type of work?
- What can we learn from what works well, to make it work even better?

The conference will include a mix of presentations and themed participatory workshops to bring together academic perspectives with practitioner insight in a lively forum. It aims to inform teachers on how best they can use parental involvement to improve children's attainment in contexts of urban population diversity, debate issues relating to these topics, advance practice, facilitate networking among those working on this topic and identify gaps in research.

**October 12th 2016
Rotterdam**

**International
conference**





City of Rotterdam



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The conference is a collaboration between the city of Rotterdam and the University of Oxford, led by Eddie Meijer and Dr Caroline Oliver at COMPAS' Global Exchange on Migration and Diversity. It is inspired and will draw on insights from the experience of policy and academic contributors in the Open Society initiative *Action for Inclusion in Europe*, a series of city working groups on the topic across six European cities.

The conference is aimed at teachers and other staff in the Netherlands in city schools responding to increased population diversity, as well as other interested city practitioners in Europe and academics working on the subject

Date	Wednesday, 12 th October, 2016
Time	9:00am to 17:00pm
Venue	Conferentiecentrum Engels Groothandelsgebouw Stationsplein 45 3013 AK Rotterdam
Cost	€95,00 per participant €75,00 if registered before 1 st September Participation is free for teachers in Rotterdam

Register here

<https://gemeenterotterdam.eventlerapp.com/en-us/BetterTogether>

The conference will be in English and Dutch.

Keynote Speakers

Prof. Gill Crozier:

Professor of Education in the Dept. of Education, Roehampton University, UK.

Prof. Dr. Maurice

Crul: Professor of Sociology at the Dept. of Sociology at Erasmus University Rotterdam and the VU University Amsterdam.

Prof. Dr. Eddie

Denessen: Professor at Leiden University.

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MORNING	
08:15 – 09:00	Arrival of participants and registration with refreshments
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome by host Ruud Rakers, City of Rotterdam
09:10 – 09:20	Opening conference Hugo de Jonge, Alderman, City of Rotterdam
09:20 – 10:30	Introduction to conference Dr. Caroline Oliver, Senior Researcher, COMPAS, University of Oxford Keynote speaker Prof. Gill Crozier, Professor of Education, School of Education University of Roehampton, London
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Round 1 Workshops
12:30 – 13.30	Lunch
AFTERNOON	
13:30 – 15:00	Round 2 Workshops
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16.30	Keynote speakers Dr. Maurice Crul, Professor Sociology UVA Dr. Eddie Denessen, Leiden University
16:30 – 17:00	Forum discussion
17:00 – 18:00	Closing program and drinks

