

BSRLM Critical Mathematics Education Working Group

Geoff Kent's notes from the Workshop at the BSRLM Conference on 7th November 2015 at Reading entitled *Opportunities for critical mathematics education in a world rediscovering socialism*:

Big Goals:

- To inform Labour Party Policy through articulation of progressive mathematics education research;
- To educate left leaning people about educational issues and in particular mathematics education issues;
- To build a community supporting critical mathematics education research and researchers;
- Other big goals?

Some actions that could contribute to these goals in the short/medium term:

- Coordinated Media Plan to engage a wider audience with Critical Mathematics Education research and policy positions informed by such including:
 - Writing for blogs;
 - Submitting articles to Guardian and 'comment is free' pieces etc. on a regular basis and in a coordinated manner;
 - Identifying and contributing to alternative media platforms such as Novara Media, Medium, and others?
 - Others?
- Development of a research review of critical mathematics education research to inform our actions; this would aim to articulate the elements of a progressive research informed educational agenda focused on mathematics education;
- The identification of key stakeholders, institutions, and action in educational policy on the left from which we can learn and with whom we can engage;
- Reaching out to wider audiences within mathematics education and mathematics education research communities;
- Holding regular meetings once a term to engage in research and action based in part on the prior model of the SHU CME group (on Saturdays?)
- Other actions?

8 colleagues attended the working group meeting.

Pete Wright (14/06/16)