



BSRLM Executive Annual report

Conference Overview 2022:

Spring Conference 2022: Online (via Zoom)

Spring Conference (since 2011)					
Venue and date	Participants	Research Papers (RPs)	Working Groups (WGs)	Research Workshops (RWs)	Total Number of Sessions
IoE London (12/03/2011)	121	45	1	n/a	46
Manchester (03/03/2012)	76	17	4	n/a	21
Bristol (02/03/2013)	72	23	2	n/a	25
King's College (01/03/2014)	110	30	2	n/a	32
Dublin (27-28/02/2015)	66	37	2	n/a	39
MMU (27/02/2016)	92	41	4	3	48
Birkbeck College (04/03/2017)	97	27	2	5	34
Nottingham (03/03/2018)	45 (76)	16 (25)	3 (3)	1 (4)	20 (32)
Open University (09/03/19)	62	20	2	6	28
Cambridge (07/03/20)	94	28	3	2	33
Online (6/3/21)	161	29	3	0	32
Online (5/3/22)	79 (119 registered)	18	2	4	24

All positive feedback about conference, though many commented they were looking forward to a return to face-to-face conference in Summer.

Summer Conference 2022, including New Researchers Day: University of Nottingham

New Researchers Day (NRD) (since 2011)		
Venue and date	Participants	Total Number of Sessions
Leeds (10/06/2011)	24	n/a
Sussex (08/06/2012)	23	8
SHU (07/06/2013)	25	14
Southampton (13/06/2014)	16	10
Durham (05/06/2015)	29	15

Loughborough (14/06/2016)	47	14
Oxford (09/06/2017)	60	15
Wales Trinity Saint David (08/06/2018)	33	14 (8 Welsh teachers)
Birmingham (07/06/19)	25	8
Online	43	18 (16)
Online (04/06/21)	70	17
Nottingham	32	7

Summer Conference (since 2011)					
Venue and date	Participants	Research Papers (RPs)	Working Groups (WGs)	Research Workshops (RWs)	Total Number of Sessions
Leeds (11/06/2011)	64	17	2	n/a	19
Sussex (09/06/2012)	66	24	2	n/a	26
SHU (08/06/2013)	84	19	4	n/a	23
Southampton (14/06/2014)	50	19	0	n/a	19
Durham (06/06/2015)	90	31	3	n/a	34
Loughborough (14/06/2016)	96	24	4	4	32
Oxford (10/06/2017)	118	31	3	5	39
Wales Trinity Saint David (09/06/2018)	60	13	2	3	18
Birmingham (8/6/2019)	32	20 x ½ h 3 x 1h	3	5 x ½ h 1 x 1h	32
2020 cancelled					
2021 Online (05/06/21)	74	16	4	2	22
Nottingham	72	21	2	3	26

Very positive feedback for both days. Some useful suggestions regarding New Researcher support and positive response to researcher award.

Autumn Conference 2022: Planned for UCL, now online (due to industrial action).

Autumn Conference (since 2010)					
Venue and date	Participants	Research Papers (RPs)	Working Groups (WGs)	Research Workshops (RWs)	Total Number of Sessions
Newcastle (13/11/2010)	53	25	1	n/a	26
Oxford (19/11/2011)	121	50	3	n/a	53
Cambridge (17/11/2012)	160	58	3	n/a	61
Edinburgh (16/11/2013)	70	22	0	n/a	22
Leicester (08/11/2014)	87	21	4	n/a	25
Reading (07/11/2015)	103	35	4	4	43
Brighton (12/11/2016)	65	12	2	9	23
Liverpool Hope (11/11/2017)	70	20	3	3	26
Kings College London (10/11/2018)	TBC	44	2	5	51
Queen's University Belfast (09/11/20)	35	17	3	3	23
Online (6/11/21)	147(TBC)	26	2	2	30
Online (5/11/22)	66 (+53) - 9	29	2	1	32

Although it is disappointing that we had to change the format of this conference due to a national train strike, one positive is that the online format meant we could extend the registration deadline – and this, in turn, resulted in an additional 44 people signing up to attend.

Future conferences:

Spring 2023: Confirmed for March 4th UCL

Summer 2023: Face-to-face, venue to be confirmed, looking at 9th and 10th June: Possibly to trial Friday Day conference (based on member's requests for a Friday conference) and Saturday New Researcher Day.

Autumn 2023: tbc

Additional notes on future conferences:

- We will also be looking to increase the diversity of venues, including some that are further north (e.g. Manchester), further South (e.g. Bristol), and west into Wales (e.g. Swansea).
- As per member's requests, we are still in discussions about the possibility of one day conference per academic year being in an online format, with the other two remaining face-to-face. The current tentative idea is for the Spring conference to be online – thus sandwiched between two face-to-face conferences. If this goes ahead, this will take effect for the 2024 Spring due to the Autumn 2022 conference having to be changed to an online format for the 2022/23 academic year.
- The Format and style of conferences is something we are still discussing as executive committee, trying to take into account a range of views. We appreciate member's feedback following sessions (e.g. on the number of sessions; or the format of sessions), and we always take these into consideration when planning future conferences.