

The 2nd Northern Englishes Workshop

Following the success of the 1st Northern Englishes Workshop at Lancaster University this spring, it was decided to hold a second meeting at Edinburgh University on the 16th and 17th of March 2007. In addition to sessions designed specifically for teachers and postgraduates (more information on these soon), we hope to follow a similar remit to last year's Workshop – a combination of discussion and presentation of research on the linguistic 'North'. As part of this, we're very pleased to announce the following plenary sessions:

Sali Tagliamonte: *Northern Englishes: A comparative sociolinguistic perspective.*

Peter Trudgill: *The surprising but probable contribution of Scots to Southern Hemisphere English phonology.*

We see the Workshop as having the following format (precise timings could change):

Friday 16th March	
9.30am	Introduction
10.00-1.00	1 st plenary, papers, discussion of papers
1.00	Lunch
2.00-6.00	Opportunity for groups to discuss possible future projects and funding applications (the postgraduate and teachers' sessions will run concurrently with this)
6.00	Wine reception and buffet
Saturday 17th March	
9.30am-1.00	2 nd plenary, papers, discussion of papers
1.00	Lunch
2.00-5.30	Papers, discussion of papers
7.30	Informal dinner

For the paper sessions, you are invited to submit abstracts covering such topics as: dialect geography / levelling / diffusion / divergence / innovation / standardisation, social psychology and sociolinguistics, external influences, grammar (morphology; syntax), typology, phonetics / phonology, lexis, discourse, acquisition, and methodology. As the title of Peter's paper indicates, we're including Scotland in the linguistic 'North', and papers on Irish English will also be considered. Abstracts (no more than one side of A4, including title, name of presenter(s), affiliation and references) should be sent to us (w.maguire@ed.ac.uk) for consideration no later than 30/11/06. Notification of acceptance will be given before the end of December. Although we are only placing this call on the Northern Englishes mailing list, please do feel free to pass it on to anyone else who might be interested.

Finally, information on accommodation will be provided soon, but we'd be grateful if you could indicate, at this stage, whether you're likely to require this, and for which nights.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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