



## **Call for proposals for future events**

After its successful inaugural Study Day on 19 October, the Edge of Words project is looking for proposals for events to take place during the rest of this academic year, and also next academic year – and indeed beyond.

Proposed events could take the form of study days, or conferences, or workshops – indeed, any form, provided that the proposal fits with the “Statement of purpose” and “Project aims” on the Edge of Words web site, see:

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/literatures-languages-cultures/edge-of-words/project>

Proposed events focused on undergraduate and postgraduate students are welcome, as, of course, are those aimed at colleagues here, elsewhere in the UK, and abroad. They should not be simply seminars (we have a separate Edge of Word Seminar Series); they should involve several active participants. We expect they will normally last half a day or a day, but they could be longer.

(Our original intention had been to plan for one End of Year Conference, and this may still be what happens; but we have decided to issue a more open call for proposals, not least because it would be good to plan in advance, at least for next academic year.)

Our support for proposed events, if they are approved, could take the following forms:

1) Financial. The Edge of Words has a small but not insignificant budget (£2,000 per year, to be spent by the end of July each year), at least half of which will be devoted to supporting proposed events. We leave it to proposers to justify any costs. We will also be very pleased to help with bids for funds from other sources. (Outside funding

bodies generally like to see that projects are being supported from within the institution; so our support for an event could be useful in the context of other bids.)

2) Publicity and institutional visibility. Events will be publicised, as appropriate, in and through the Edge of Words web site, which has already proved popular, and its e-mail list; and we hope it will help with an event's own publicity to be associated with this major long-term project.

3) Administrative. We will do our best to help with the organisation of events; our resources are limited, but we do have contacts, and there is a gratifying amount of institutional goodwill towards the Edge of Words project generally.

In your bid, you should set out:

a) the intellectual rationale behind your proposed event, specifying how it fits within the Edge of Words project;

b) the form that the event would take, who would be involved (and how), and when it would take place;

c) what financial and administrative support you would like from the Edge of Words project. We are not looking for precise quotations at this stage, but we do need reasonable estimates.

Please send us your proposals, even if only in draft form, by the end of November. Decisions on which proposals we can support, and how, will be taken before Christmas, and some time will doubtless be needed for iteration between the project leaders and the proposers of events. Proposals should be sent in the first instance to Leanne Dawson as project co-ordinator, [ldawson2@staffmail.ed.ac.uk](mailto:ldawson2@staffmail.ed.ac.uk)