



## British Association for Literacy in Development (BALID), 2020

The British Association for Literacy in Development (BALID) is a non-governmental organisation (NGO) promoting adult and family literacy and numeracy as a basic human right, in the context of international development and in line with the UN [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs).

Our **aims** are to:

- promote literacy and numeracy for adults and families as an integral part of human development
- increase awareness of the relationship between literacy, numeracy, economic development and social change, in partnership with other appropriate organisations
- inform and advise governments, NGOs and the private sector on adult literacy and numeracy within the context of development
- contribute to programmes for adult literacy and numeracy
- facilitate interactions and exchanges between those working in adult literacy and numeracy programmes
- exchange experiences and research findings in order to inform future practice.

Since 2011 BALID's **achievements** have been to:

- facilitate over 30 Informal Literacy Discussion (ILDs); some of these are featured in the book *Theory and Practice in Literacy and Development* (ed. McCaffery and Street, 2016)
- participate in the BAICE-funded series of events *Bridging the Gap*
- lead a symposium at the World Literacy Summit, 2018
- present at UKFIET and BAAL conferences
- contribute to memorial events at the Universities of East Anglia and Sussex celebrating the work of our late President, Professor Brian Street
- and host several interactive events including *Weaving Literacy through lifelong learning*, *Models of Literacy Learning* and *Literacy as Social Practice* in partnership with The UCL Institute of Education, SOAS, *Research and Practice in Adult Literacy* (RaPAL) and *King's College, London*.

***BALID is making major changes in 2020 by expanding our membership, our reach and the range of our activities.***

We have recently welcomed five new committee members from Universities and NGOs, all with substantial international experience and a commitment to promoting active dialogue between researchers and practitioners engaged in literacy in development.

BALID's 2020 programme will include:

- seminars
- webinars
- a mentoring scheme
- engagement with our international partners, and
- providing a forum for exchange among our members, both individual and organisational.

***We invite you to join us – let's help shape and promote the global literacy agenda together.***

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