



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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