

# ConCrit May 18th - 20th 2012

## New Public Management ~~RESISTANCE~~

Recent months have seen a range of protests in different Western countries. In Greece, Spain, England and now Wall Street, the streets have been full of people protesting, showing their resistance: resistance towards the distribution of resources; resistance towards the lack of democracy in modern decision making; resistance towards structural and institutional changes. But, how is this resistance to be understood? And which educational, institutional and pedagogical lessons can be drawn from these resistance movements. This is conceptual framework for our next CONCRIT conference in Barcelona, May 2012.

### When and where?

The conference will take place in Barcelona starting at 6pm on Friday 18 May and finishing on Sunday 20 at 3pm. It is a participatory conference and workshops will develop according to participants' own ideas, interests, short inputs that they want to make, group work and any visits that they care to make. The conference will be outdoors in a public space and the venue is yet to be announced. There is no cost for participation at the conference.

You can start your participation now by logging on to our Facebook site where you can begin developing themes and identifying issues that you would like to discuss, share or contribute to the conference.



### What is CONCRIT?

CONCRIT (CONstructive CRITicism) is a network of practitioners, students, educators, researchers, employees in local authorities, NGOs, trade union activists, artists and others with an interest in, and a knowledge of, children, young people and adults. We are concerned with their welfare, and the educational and social policy and practice that affect them.

Each and everyone in the network has a strong interest in debating educational, social and political issues related to the everyday life of children, young people and adults.

### The network's main purposes are:

- To identify and critique present neoliberal and neoconservative tendencies in the field of education and develop alternative solutions;
- To broaden reflection and analysis on these issues and
- To strengthen democratic dialogue between people of different countries

*The CONCRIT conference is organised by a group of people from different educational backgrounds. See the CONCRIT website [www.concrit.org](http://www.concrit.org) for more information about the conference [and see our archive record of past conferences]. You can contact us on: [2012@concrit.org](mailto:2012@concrit.org)*

*Networking is an important concept in CONCRIT so please send this invitation to colleagues and friends who might be interested. We would also ask you to tell us of other networks with similar interests and purposes.*