



Reaching into the Community: engaging with diversity

An ESRC-funded Seminar

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The Institute for Access Studies
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Monday 14th June 2004
in B287 Brindley Building, Leek Road Campus, Stoke-on-Trent

11am to 3.45pm

Speakers:

**Dr Kirstan Hawkins, Centre for Development Studies,
University of Wales, Swansea**

**Dr Alan France, Department of Sociological Studies,
University of Sheffield (to be finally agreed)**

**Polly Wright, Director of Hearth,
an organisation working in the area of health and social care**

Jonathan Hughes, Open University



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Speakers

Dr Kirstan Hawkins has been involved in the development of the peer ethnographic method of research used at the Centre for Development Studies, at the University of Wales, Swansea. She has co-authored a number of journal articles and book chapters on the method, and has used the approach in Zambia, Cambodia and most recently in Myanmar. Kirstan is currently an Associate of the Centre for Development Studies, as well as heading up the newly-established CDS-Options peer ethnography unit.

Dr Alan France helped set up the Centre for the Study of Childhood and Youth at the University of Sheffield and is its director. One of the objectives of the centre is to bring together theoretical and applied approaches to the study of childhood and youth and academic debates. One of Alan's recent publications is entitled: 'Youth Researching Youth'.

Polly Wright was a professional actress for ten years and has 18 years' experience in theatre work and health education. She is director of the organisation 'Hearth' which uses drama techniques to stimulate discussion about health and social care issues. She has pioneered the development of arts-based qualitative research techniques.

Jonathan Hughes has worked for many years in further education and is now a lecturer at the Open University's Centre for Widening Participation. Jonathan has a special interest in learners in their fifties and beyond. Foucault's concepts around discourse provides the theoretical framework for Jonathan's research, which considers what varieties of discourse are located in relevant government policies and how educational institutions and older learners themselves respond to and interpret these policies.

Seminar Programme

- 10.30 - 11.00 Registration, tea/coffee.
- 11.00 - 11.05 Welcome by Dr Liz Thomas, Institute for Access Studies, Staffordshire University.
- 11.05 - 11.45 Dr Kirstan Hawkins, Centre for Development Studies, University of Wales, Swansea, 'Peer Ethnography' followed by ten minutes of questions from participants.
- 11.55 - 12.35 Dr Alan France, University of Sheffield, 'Young People as Peer Researchers' followed by ten minutes of questions from participants.
- 12.45 - 1.40 Lunch at Bush House.
- 1.45 - 2.20 Polly Edwards, The Hearth Centre, Birmingham, 'Art-based Qualitative Research' followed by ten minutes of questions from participants.
- 2.30 - 3.00 Jonathan Hughes, Open University 'Older People as Learners' followed by ten minutes of questions from participants
- 3.10 - 3.30 Discussion chaired by Dr Liz Thomas.
- 3.30 - 3.45 Formal close by Dr Liz Thomas followed by tea/coffee

Seminar Venue

The event will be held in room B287 Brindley Building, Leek Road Campus of Staffordshire University in Stoke-on-Trent. By train, Stoke-on-Trent is 1 hour 50 minutes from London; 50 minutes from Manchester; and 60 minutes from Birmingham. The seminar venue is a five-minute walk from Stoke-on-Trent railway station. For those people coming by train, please book to Stoke-on-Trent railway station. When you arrive at the railway station, cross the road by the statue of Josiah Wedgwood and turn right to the end of the road (by the traffic lights). Turn left into Leek Road and a few hundred yards up the road you'll see a zebra crossing. Cross to the right side of the road and look for the Brindley Building on the campus site. Enter Brindley through the main entrance and ask at the reception desk for room B287 on the second floor. There is a lift available for wheelchair users.

Download a map of the campus from: http://www.staffs.ac.uk/maps/pdf/stoke_campus.pdf

For those people coming by car, there is a large car-park (to the left of the entrance to the Leek Road site).

Please contact Carmel Dennison at carmel.dennison@staffs.ac.uk if you would like to attend this event.