

Happiness Study Group Annual Report 2010

The Happiness Study Group first year of operation saw a growth in members (48 in January 2011), a drop-in session/meeting at the 2010 annual conference and our first seminar in the autumn of 2010.

The inaugural BSA Happiness Study Group day seminar was held on Wednesday 15th September 2010 at the BSA Meeting Rooms in Imperial Wharf, London. Over twenty delegates from across the United Kingdom attended and there was a varied programme of twelve papers that all centred around various aspects of the sociology of happiness and well-being. Overall, the day was a success; the papers were interesting and thought-provoking and stimulated good debate and discussion, and delegates all provided positive feedback about the day, many of whom were pleased to be part of the study group and look forward to future group events.

The study group also had an excellent response to a call for papers for the 2011 conference and expects to run 2 paper sessions. The convenors are currently constructing an interactive website to support study group activities and are planning a seminar for the autumn of 2011.

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