

# BSA Childhood Study Group annual report – January 2011

## Group activities during 2010

This is the second annual report of the Childhood study group which was established in January 2009.

- A joint conference was held in April, 2010 with the West Midlands Medical Sociology group at Coventry University entitled ‘Generating sociological understandings of the health and well-being of children and adults’. This was a very welcome collaboration where academics from a number of different disciplines and research areas presented papers on their current research.
- The Convenor of the Childhood study group participated in a funded overseas study visit in March 2010. The theme of this Transversal Cedefop visit was ‘early years’ provision in Belgium’ and involved a number of presentations on policy and practice as well as several visits to early years’ settings and educational providers.
- An annual conference was held at Austin Court in Birmingham in July with a one day Conference Panel with a range of speakers.
- The group is exploring the possibility of setting up a website and is currently in discussions to assess the feasibility of this in order to plan a way forward.
- We recently welcomed a new member of the committee to the Childhood study group. Dr Hayley Davies is currently a postdoctoral research associate in Child Studies at King’s College London, and has will take the lead in planning and organising events.

## **Group membership.**

Current membership of the group is approximately 85 with a proportion being BSA members. The remainder are drawn from those within university Early Childhood Studies and Early Years departments.

The current officers of the Committee are as follows:

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**Proposed activities for 2011.**

- The Childhood Study Group is planning to hold a Conference Panel day at Austin Court in Birmingham in July, 2011.
- Extending links with other organisations, academic institutions, and individuals both within the U.K. and Europe.
- Seeking to recruit new committee members in order to support future developments and events. Particularly those able to take the lead in the areas of IT/web development and Research.

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