

BSA Youth Study Group Annual Report 2018

The BSA Youth Study Group continues to build networks among sociologists from varied backgrounds and perspectives with an interest in youth research. Our goal is to facilitate spaces and opportunities for dialogue within the sociology of youth as well as the wider youth studies community. The Study Group mailing list remains active with 484 registered users and we have an active Twitter community with 911 followers, which have both experienced growth over the last year. A central activity for the Study Group this year is to continue to grow and promote the group, which includes developing the Twitter channel and mailing list, ensuring their relevance for our members, as a key source of news and information for youth researchers.

In 2018 group convenors focused on growing the group via digital channels, which is an ongoing focus in 2019. In late 2018, there was a change in convenors, with new convenors Benjamin Hanckel, Caitlin Nunn, and Karenza Moore beginning in December 2018. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Helene Snee and Kirsty Finn for their contributions to the Study Group as co-convenors.

In 2019 the youth study group will focus on providing opportunities for youth researchers across the field to come together to grow the field of youth studies in the UK. Anticipated outputs for 2019 include: growth of awareness of the group, through the development of hard copy promotional material (e.g. postcards), as well as promotion of the group via our existing digital channels (twitter and jisc mailing list); working closely with group members to develop youth focused symposia and conferences, with two planned outputs for 2019; and the development of close links with youth study groups internationally. We anticipate this will provide members with opportunities for future collaboration and engagement, as well as new opportunities to promote and extend their own work. We welcome Study Group members to suggest themes or topics for future events.

Members

The Youth Study Group has 484 members as at the end of April 2019, with 911 followers on Twitter (number of BSA members unknown).

Finances

Income: £0.00
Expenditure: £0.00
Balance: £1921.73

Aims

The BSA Youth Study Group brings together sociologists with an interest in youth studies and youth-led research. We support postgraduate and early career researchers as well as established academics to help ensure excellence and relevance in all work which has young people at its heart. From its establishment in 1999, the BSA YSG has worked to build networks, produce inclusive spaces, and create exciting opportunities for dialogue within the sociology of youth as well as across the wider youth studies community. Our activities include:

- Organising symposia on youth-related topics.
- Creating journal Special Issues and edited book collections on methodological innovations and substantive concerns in our field.
- Exploring intersections between youth, gender, social class, race/ethnicity, sexuality, and disability as factors which shape the lives of young people.
- Facilitating dialogue between sociologists of youth and those from other disciplines.
- Supporting PGRs and ECRs situated in the sociology of youth and youth studies.

Activities undertaken (2018)

- Advertisements for new convenors were sent out in Spring 2018, via youth research digital channels and mailing lists. Three new convenors were selected, and started in November 2018. This includes Benjamin Hanckel (King's College London), Caitlin Nunn (Manchester Metropolitan University), and Karenza Moore (University of Salford).
- In November 2018, Caitlin Nunn met with the Youth thematic group of The Australian Sociological Association at the TASA conference to begin discussion of collaboration and knowledge sharing opportunities between our two groups.

Planned activities (2019)

- BSA Youth Group Symposium in Scotland, led by a postgraduate youth researcher, entitled 'Young Lives in Contemporary Times'. (April 2019)
- Symposium planned for Sept - Oct 2019. This one day event will include a writing workshop, and key speakers. It will bring together youth sociologists working across sub-disciplines within sociology, to develop abstract/s and panel presentations for BSA Conference 2020. The workshop will also explore opportunities for bringing together the themes into a special issue for the journal *Young*.

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