

Annual Report

January – December, 2015.

Name: East Midlands Medical Sociology Group

Convenor: Dr Nicky Hudson, De Montfort University

The events are organised and run by a small group of co-convenors: Nicky Hudson, De Montfort University; Cathy Herbrand, De Montfort University; Kylie Baldwin; De Montfort University; Pam Carter, University of Leicester, Helen Eborall, University of Leicester; Jess Turner (nee Davies), De Montfort University.

Number of members: The East Midlands Medical Sociology Group doesn't have a formal membership but around 35 people attend each of our seminars. As of the end of 2015, our regularly updated mailing list holds over 110 contacts and our seminars are also shared amongst 20 JISCMail mailing lists and local networks.

Opening Balance: £372.74

Closing Balance: £230.62

Aims: To facilitate the dissemination of sociological knowledge and to generate debate, networking and collaboration in the East Midlands.

Review of the year:

We have hosted two major seminars in the last 12 months. The next event is planned for April 2016. All events have been held at De Montfort University.

On **Monday 11th May, 2015, Prof. Joanna Latimer, Cardiff University**, gave the keynote talk on **'Repelling neoliberal world-making: ageing, dementia and irresponsibility'**. There were additional presentations by Oliver Williams, University of Leicester 'Health Inequalities, New Public Health and Area-Based Initiatives: Redressing Ecological Disparities or Placing Blame?' and Caroline Morris, University of Leicester 'The Practice of Cardiovascular Risk Assessment in Primary Care'. Thirty-five people attended the event. The cost of this event ranged between being free (Student BSA Members), £5 (BSA Members and Non BSA Students) and £10 (Non BSA Members). A light lunch was provided.

On **Wednesday 16th December 2015, Prof Simon Dyson, Director of the Unit for the Social Study of Thalassaemia and Sickle Cell, De Montfort University**, delivered a talk "'Talk to me. There's two of us" Fathers and sickle cell screening'. Twenty-six people attended the event. Delegates were a mixture of students, university and NHS researchers and clinicians from across the Midlands. The event was free to attend and refreshments were provided.

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Future Meetings: The first East Midlands Medical Sociology Group Event of 2016 is currently being advertised, is a half day event and will be held at De Montfort University, Leicester on Monday 4th April 2016.

The keynote speaker- **Professor Mary Dixon Woods, University of Leicester** will give the keynote: **'Fugitive knowledge and its role in patient safety'**. Additional presentations include: Dr Jenelle Clarke, University of Nottingham 'We are 24/7 Therapy': the importance of everyday social interactions in therapeutic communities' and Josephine Go Jefferies, University of Nottingham 'Telehealth Ninjas: A study of the mastery of technologies for chronic disease care'. The cost of this event ranges between being free (Student BSA Members), £5 (BSA Members and Non BSA Students) and £10 (Non BSA Members). Refreshments will be provided.

We welcome comments and suggestions for future events.