



BSA West Midlands Medical Sociology Group: Annual Report 2015-2016

Membership:

This group has been established for over 20 years; whilst membership of the group is not formalised we circulate opportunities for funding, conference calls and invitations to contribute to publications which arise through our professional connections to those who have attended our past events, have contributed as presenters and have shown an interest in future activities..

Aim:

Our primary aim is to establish a local network of interest in the sociology of health and illness and to promote the profile of postgraduate research. We provide a forum to facilitate collaborative inter-disciplinary links for those with an interest in medical sociology within the West Midlands and beyond. The current conveners are based at Coventry and Aston universities and also have long-standing links with Warwick University.

Key activities during 2015/2016:

Outputs

The group's conveners, Geraldine Brady and Pam Lowe, edited the 2015 Sociology of Health and Illness monograph, *Children, health and well-being: policy debates and lived experience* with Professor Sonja Olin Lauritzen (Stockholm University). In promoting the book in Sweden and Norway links were made between West Midlands Medical Sociology group and the Nordic Network for Health Research within Social Science and Humanities. The theme of sociology of child health is current and we have plans for a child health symposium at Coventry University in the Spring.

What next?

This year we propose to give those at an earlier stage of their career the opportunity to develop the Group. We will hold one more event (as above) and hope to encourage BSA members to express interest in being the next convenor(s) of West Midlands Medical Sociology Group. The group has potential to grow and develop and to continue the links made with other BSA Groups (Disability, Human Reproduction, Childhood Studies).

Expenditure:

No events required expenditure

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