

Happiness Study Group Annual Report for 2013

1. Established

2009

2. Current Membership Figure

101 members on the Happiness Study Group JISC mailing list

3. SG Expenditure £285.25

SG Income £165.00

Closing Balance £224.74

(up until September 2014)

4. Aims of Study Group

The study group exists to promote the sociological study of happiness, where happiness is defined as having subjective aspects (emotions, subjective experiences and cognitive processes) and objective or structural elements rooted in wider relationships in the community, family, economy and other institutions.

5. Key Activities During 2013

We were involved in a number of activities during the year, in particular organizing a one-day seminar on, 'Qualitative Approaches to Happiness Research' held in November at Northumbria University, Newcastle Upon Tyne. There were eight speakers who presented papers and 20 delegates attended the session from around the country.

The study group was also involved in organizing and editing a special section of the journal Sociological Research Online that was published in May 2014. This included a range of papers on sociological approaches to happiness/wellbeing, many of which were originally presented at earlier study group seminars.

6. Concluding Remarks and Looking Forward

The convenors of the group met over the Christmas period to plan forthcoming events that will include postgraduate research days, film screenings, a key readings text as well efforts to link up with happiness researchers overseas.

7. Convenors and Contacts

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