



## Social Mobility, Aspirations, Education and White Working-Class Youth: Urban, Rural and Coastal Contexts

A BSA Sociology of Education Study Group One-Day Conference  
in association with the Faculty of Education, Canterbury Christ Church  
University.

Wednesday 5th July 2017, 09:00-16:45  
Canterbury Campus  
Canterbury Christ Church University

This one-day conference, supported by the British Sociological Association's Education Study Group, focuses on current research in the area of white working-class youth's social mobility, aspirations and education. The conference will explore – and welcomes paper submissions related to – a range of questions, including:

What are the aspirations of white working-class youth?

How do educational institutions and practices define, understand and support these?

What are the perceptions and lived experiences of white working-class youth within education, and how are these shaped by notions of place within and across urban, rural and coastal contexts?

Keynote speakers: **Dr Nicola Ingram** (Lancaster University) and **Dr Garth Stahl** (University of South Australia).

Practitioner's Speaker's Panel:

Chair: Dr Michael Ward, *Swansea University*

Panel (confirmed participants):

Sam Baars, *Director of Research, LKMco*

Carl Fazackerley, *Head of Aspirations and Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Walworth Academy, Southwark*

Catherine Meenan, *Teach First*

Andrew Minchin, *Headteacher, The Robert Napier School, Gillingham*

Huw Powell, *Headteacher, Mary Immaculate Catholic High School, Cardiff*

Sonette Schwartz, *Principal, Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Saltwood, Hythe*

Full programme overleaf. Registration is open - <https://www.britisoc.co.uk/events/key-bsa-events/social-mobility-aspirations-education-and-white-working-class-youth-urban-rural-and-coastal-contexts/>. For more details contact: [andrew.peterson@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.peterson@canterbury.ac.uk).



## Programme

<b>09:00-09:15</b>	<b>Registration and Refreshments (Powell foyer)</b>
<b>09:15-09:30</b>	<b>Welcome and introductions (Pg06)</b>
<b>09.30-10:15</b>	<p><b>Key note presentation 1:</b> ‘Reconciling educational success with working-class masculinity: identity struggles for teenage boys’</p> <p><b>Dr Nicola Ingram, <i>University of Lancaster</i> (Pg06)</b></p>
<b>10.15-11:25</b>	<p><b>Practitioner's Speaker's Panel (Pg06)</b></p> <p>Chair: Dr Michael Ward, <i>Swansea University</i></p> <p>Confirmed participants:</p> <p>Sam Baars, <i>Head of Research, LKMco</i></p> <p>Carl Fazackerley, <i>Head of Aspirations and Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Walworth Academy, Southwark</i></p> <p>Catherine Meenan, <i>Teach First</i></p> <p>Andrew Minchin, <i>Headteacher, The Robert Napier School, Gillingham</i></p> <p>Huw Powell, <i>Headteacher, Mary Immaculate Catholic High School, Cardiff</i></p> <p>Sonette Schwartz, <i>Principal, Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Saltwood, Hythe</i></p>
<b>11.25-11:45</b>	<b>Tea / coffee (Powell foyer)</b>
<b>11.45-13.15</b>	<p><b>Parallel Paper Session 1</b></p> <p><b>Session A – Jg04; Session B – Jg08</b></p>
<b>13:15-14.00</b>	<b>Lunch (Refectory)</b>
<b>14:00-15.30</b>	<p><b>Parallel Paper Session 2</b></p> <p><b>Session A – Jg04; Session B – Jg08</b></p>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Tea / coffee (Powell foyer)</b>
<b>16.00-16:45</b>	<p><b>Keynote presentation 2:</b></p> <p>‘Pathologizing the white ‘unteachable’: deficit discourses, normative practices and reflections on the white working-class experience in schooling’</p> <p><b>Dr. Garth Stahl, (University of South Australia) (Pg06)</b></p>