

**British Sociological Association Happiness Study Group**  
**Annual Report for 2016**

**1. Established**

2009

**2. Current Membership Figure**

119 members on the Happiness Study Group JISC mailing list

<b>3. SG Expenditure</b>	£0
<b>SG Income</b>	£0
<b>Closing Balance</b>	£589.25

**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 2016**

At the end of the year, Mark Cieslik decided to stand down as a Study Group convenor in order to focus on other work commitments. Laura Hyman and Alexandra Jugureanu will continue to run the group whilst a new convenor is recruited. This recruitment process continues to be ongoing.

The Study Group organised a one-day seminar on the topic of happiness and young people that was scheduled to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at the University of Portsmouth. Unfortunately, the event was postponed due to a shortage of abstracts received. This will be rescheduled to the Autumn of 2017, and the focus of the event will be broadened which should attract more delegates and speakers.

**6. Concluding Remarks and Looking Forward**

The Group is currently organising another one-day conference on Happiness and Wellbeing, which will take place in London in Autumn 2017. This will have a non-traditional format, including round-table discussions and debates. Non-academics and postgraduate students will be invited in addition to established academics, and we hope that the day will encourage more dialogue in an informal setting.

The Group also plans to organise a two- or three-day conference in London in 2018 or 2019. The conference will include a number of parallel sessions devoted to various strands of happiness research, and a small number of keynote speakers will be invited.

## 7. Convenors and Contacts

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