

BSA Applied Qualitative Health Research Group Annual Report

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History

This special interest study group, which is a sub-group of the Medical Sociology, was convened in 2013 and had its first meeting at the Medsoc conference in York in September 2013. A dedicated Jiscmail listserv (BSA-AQHR@jiscmail.ac.uk) for members was set up which anyone can apply to join; it currently has 126 people registered. There is no dedicated twitter account for the group but members are encouraged to use #AQHR

Aims

The aims of the group are to support and develop young sociologists (postgraduates and early career researchers (ECRs)) who undertake applied qualitative research in healthcare settings. In addition to providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, the groups' activities involve networking opportunities. The group has an inclusive ethos, welcoming both BSA members and non BSA members including those who work inside HE institutes and outside of academia.

Activities 2016

We held no formal meeting of the group this year. We had organised a one-day meeting in London that focussed upon the impact of new technologies on qualitative health research. We had a range of ERC and PG speakers offering talks. However, the event was due to run on the 25th May 2016 - the same day as a UCU national strike. After considerable thought and consultation with both BSA and MedSoc colleagues we decided to cancel the meeting.

Future Activities

In 2017 we will be looking to re-schedule the meeting we cancelled last year - upon the impact of new technologies on qualitative health research. For further details about the group please contact Tim Rapley, tim.rapley@ncl.ac.uk