

BSA MedSoc Wales Group Annual Report

Aim:

Our aim is to bring together medical sociologists and those from related disciplines from across Wales in order to facilitate discussion, collaboration, and networking. The current convenors of the group (Eleanor Johnson and Julie Latchem) are based at Cardiff University.

Membership:

We have a mailing list of 43 members. Events are open to everyone and are publicised via our mailing list, the MedSoc News jiscmail, and on the BSA website. We use our mailing list to circulate funding, publication, and job opportunities as well as conference calls.

Past Activities:

Since taking over as convenors of the group in January 2015, we have tried to expand the group membership as, in the past, events were not attended by people beyond South Wales (particularly Cardiff). This has entailed meetings and email correspondence with academics from across Wales.

Unfortunately there have been activities in 2016 as both convenors are in the process of completing the PhD's.

Plans for the Coming Year:

Our plans are to focus on broadening the geographical scope of the group. Though the group represents Wales, our membership mostly comprises of medical sociologists in the South Wales region. There is difficulty associated with organising events that are accessible to those across Wales. As such, we plan on holding two large events in two different locations this year and continuing to collaborate and network via our mailing list. Additionally, we are currently considering recruiting committee members from across Wales so we can provide a broad and varied programme of speakers and social meetings.

Please contact Eleanor Johnson (Johnsone1@cardiff.ac.uk) to express an interest in becoming a committee member of the MedSoc Wales group, to be added to our mailing list, or to enquire about upcoming events.