

## BSA Childhood Studies Group Annual Report 2023

**Name:** Childhood Studies Group (CSG)

**Established:** January 2009

**Number of members:** 92 members

**Aims:** The key aims of the CSG include:

- Exchange and develop ideas
- Encourage collaboration and lend support
- Encourage research and publication around the sociology of childhood
- Promote the sociological understanding of children
- To develop a programme of events
- To develop links with other sociological and related childhood organisations

**Review of the year:**

- This year 2 new convenors have been recruited and we are now developing ways to improve communication and develop network events for the group.
- The CSG has continued to be developing its social media presence over the last few years. Our CSG Twitter account (@BSAChildhood) was established in late 2017 and the number of followers has continued to sustain and grow at 1100 followers. We have continued to find this to be an effective and helpful means of communication that compliments rather than replaces our official JISC mailing list (with 93 members). It has become a means of sharing news about publications, events, job adverts and news pieces relevant to those working within the sociology of childhood. During the last year as new convenors this is an area we will be developing and reviving again.
- We have contributed to the BSA Conference 2024 Life course stream abstract review and selection.
- We have begun to hold online drop in chats and sharing of work, the first was 01/05/2024. This will be organised monthly as an open forum, with different times offered to re-engage members and share the work they do.
- Our priorities over the next 12 months include:
  - Organising an online meeting
  - We have organised a writing retreat for September and envisage this to be an annual meet. If numbers are substantially low, then we will continue with the retreat but to be held online.
  - To build and develop a quarterly online meeting to share articles and conference papers (from 09/24)

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