

BSA Childhood Studies Group Annual Report 2024

Name: Childhood Studies Group (CSG)

Established: January 2009

Number of members: 90 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 the co-convenors are continuing to develop ways to improve communication and develop network events for the group

- We have contributed to the BSA Conference 2025 Life Course Stream abstract review and selection process.
- We have supported the organisation of the Stream Plenary for the Annual Conference 2025, including abstract review, shortlisting, and grouping, in collaboration with the Youth Studies, Ageing, and Death, Dying and Bereavement Study Groups.
- We have organised several events, either solely or jointly, including: a writing retreat for the Childhood Study Group in September 2024
- A joint event between the BSA Theory and BSA Childhood Study Groups in February 2025
- Organised a Lunchbox Learning session (Musings and Methodologies) for the Childhood Study Group in May 2025.

Our priorities over the next 12 months include:

- Organise a welcome online meeting at the beginning of the year

- To build and develop a quarterly lunch box online meeting to share articles and conference papers (from 09/25)
- Possible in person event at UoW late Summer

Account balance at the end of 2024 for the Childhood study group was £151.00

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