

Children and Childhoods

Main activities and events of the SIG in the past year.

Our SIG has organised an event called 'Childhood on the move' that was due to take place on March 16th, 2020 at Oxford University but due to the pandemic this event had to be cancelled. This one-day event would bring together academics, practitioners, teachers, policy makers, students and those interested in global childhood experiences to engage critically in debates around Childhoods on the Move.

What are the key issues currently affecting your Special Interest Area?

Covid 19 had had the effect of putting children and childhood under a different set of social and economic conditions, which in turn raises a number of issues and questions. As a SIG we will want to pull together these issues in order to identify the existing research, their gaps and possibilities for knowledge exchange with a range of organisations and sectors across the world, in order to help address the issues.

Are there any particular developments for your SIG on the horizon, e.g. newsletters, publications, blogs, events, projects?

We are planning a series of webinars of well-being and child relationships which is being led by early career researchers.

What other organizations does your SIG collaborate with?

Rita Chawla-Duggan, the Children and Childhoods SIG co-convenor has been involved in training as a facilitator with the International child Development Programme (ICDP), a Norwegian rooted organisation. We are subsequently collaborating with them by planning ways in which the representatives in ICDP in England might work with BERA SIG members.

How has your SIG worked to encourage diversity amongst your membership? How do you plan to encourage diversity in the future?

We have contacted the organiser of 'A Child's world' conference based at the University of Aberystwyth. We hope to work with him on organising an online event/webinar to raise awareness of key issues in Wales affecting children and young people. It will be organised by the BERA SIG and we will invite all SIG members and early career researchers/PhD students at Bath and Anglia Ruskin.

In future events the speakers will be from diverse experiences professionally and in terms of structural characteristics. Professor Rajani Konantambigi from the Centre for Human Ecology at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences has agreed to give a podcast interview on Childhood and Covid in India (date TBC).