

**Medical Sociology Group**  
**Annual Report**  
**March 2016- February 2017**

**Study Group Aims:**

The substantive aim of the North West Regional Medical Sociology Group is to regularly bring together like minded medical sociologists or academics from related disciplines to provide opportunities for:

- Networking
- Collaboration
- Discussion and participation in speaker events on relevant topics.

**Current Membership:**

We have a mailing list of 73 members. Numbers of BSA members are not known at this stage.

Events are open to all and are publicised via the mailing list and MedSoc News jiscmail. Currently meetings are held on an ad-hoc basis and usually involve two or more of us getting together to discuss furthering the aims of the group.

The organising committee consists of:

Donna Bramwell (Convenor)

Victoria Foster (Treasurer)

**Past Activities:**

Unfortunately the group has been fairly inactive this year for the reasons described below. Three 'get-togethers' over coffee have been held at the University of Manchester this year with the aim of discussing ideas and planning events for the year ahead. These have provided an opportunity for those interested in medical sociology and the sociology of health and illness to introduce themselves to the convenor and to network on an informal basis. No funds have been spent this year.

**The Coming Year:**

Events are difficult to run with such a small organising group and therefore it is one of our aims to recruit more volunteers to the committee this year (please contact me if you are interested and indeed should you wish to take over as convenor of the group!). Plans include running a half-day conference with speakers presenting on their careers in Medical Sociology and also someone to talk about how to identify and apply for funding for MedSoc/qualitative research. We would also like to provide a broad and varied programme of speaker meetings, covering a range of methodological, theoretical and related general topics. We will also ensure there is opportunity for social meetings and networking.

For full details of our upcoming programme and to join the group, please see:  
<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/medsoc/nwmedsoc.htm>