



BSA West Midlands Medical Sociology Group: Annual Report 2016-2017

Membership:

This group has been established for over 20 years; we circulate opportunities for funding, conference calls and invitations to contribute to publications which arise through our professional connections to those who have attended our events, have contributed as presenters and have shown an interest in future activities.

Aim:

Our primary aim is to establish a local network of interest in the sociology of health and illness and to promote the profile of postgraduate research. We provide a forum to facilitate collaborative inter-disciplinary links for those with an interest in medical sociology/sociology of health and illness within the West Midlands and beyond. The current convener is based at Coventry University.

Key activities during 2016/17:

Outputs

This year we said goodbye to Dr Pam Lowe, who had been co-convener for a number of years. Pam and Geraldine would like to see the group further developed by early career researchers or postgraduate students.

What next?

There has recently been renewed interest from doctoral students across the region, keen to be part of the group. We are planning a one day conference to be held in September (date tbc) focused on the sociology of childhood health and disability. We have also received suggestions for seminars on gender and health; health of offenders; sexual health. All events will be promoted via the BSA website.

We are developing links with other BSA Groups (Disability, Human Reproduction, Childhood Studies) and other health research groups such as the Nordic Network for Health Research within Social Science and Humanities, the Midlands Health Psychology Network, the Centre for Technology Enabled Health Research, Coventry University and Institute of Health and Community, Plymouth University.

Expenditure:

No events required expenditure

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