

## BSA Childhood Studies Group Annual Report 2022

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

**Established:** January 2009

**Number of members:** 93 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:**

- The CSG has been developing its social media presence over the last year. Our CSG Twitter account (@BSAChildhood) was established in late 2017 and the number of followers has now grown to 1130. We have found this to be an effective 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.
- The CSG collaborated with the Youth Studies Study Group to co-convene the Lifecourse Stream panel this year. Our aim was to see greater representation of childhood and youth focused papers, and we advertised the conference widely within our groups via mailing lists and social media. This resulted in almost three quarters of papers involving a childhood and youth focus, and we hope to build on this in future years – potentially developing childhood and youth as a separate conference stream.
- Our priorities over the next 12 months include:
  - Encouraging greater representation from SG members at the BSA annual conference in 2024. Childhood sociology has been quite underrepresented at the conference in recent years, and we will be exploring ways of encouraging more abstract submissions from our members.
  - Advertising for new Study Group convenors to help lead the Childhood SG. We will be advertising for at least two new convenors, including one who will explicitly be an early career/doctoral representative.

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