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Introduction

2007 has been a period of continuous development at CRSP. We have experienced some key staff changes, and developed additional research strands, exploring new areas of work, especially around issues of transport and social exclusion. At the end of the year CRSP staff attended an awayday to review process and progress and, as a result of this, we have revised our previous research themes to reflect the changes in skills, expertise and interests in CRSP. The new themes will be:

- Children, Families and the Life Course;
- Equality, Diversity and Citizenship;
- Health, Social Care and Well-being;
- Poverty and Social Exclusion;
- Work and Welfare.

The political environment of social research is changing all the time, and more and more new organisations within the private sector are competing to win social policy research contracts, while research resources in central government are under increasing pressure. In recognition of this, CRSP is working hard to ensure we maintain our competitive edge and so continue to make important contributions to policy.

As part of this work the Centre has been developing its role as a preferred supplier of research services with the Department for Work and Pensions. We made a successful application to be accepted on to the new DWP Disability Lot, which increases our opportunities to further our research interest in this area.

In addition, CRSP has been accepted on other new Framework agreements, with the Learning and Skills Council and the Children's Workforce Development Council. We were also one of only four organisations, and the only academic institution, to be awarded a place on Lot 6 of the Department for Transport's new Framework agreement.

We look forward to another exciting year in 2008, and to celebrating our 25th year of conducting high quality research. In recognition of this important anniversary this 25th edition of the annual report contains an article on past, present and future research at CRSP. We are also pleased to announce that as part of the celebrations, CRSP will be holding an international conference at Loughborough University in January 2009, details of which will be publicised soon. The conference will focus on the relationship between social policy and inequality, and we look forward to welcoming members of the academic, policy and third sector communities to discuss and share information on this important subject.

Review of the Year

2007 has been a busy and productive year at CRSP. We forged new links with colleagues at home and abroad and welcomed a new Assistant Director to the Management Team. We look forward to another successful year in 2008 and a range of new projects starting, looking at topics including the dynamics of debt, an evaluation of the new local safeguarding children boards, road user safety and disadvantage, and transport accessibility planning.

International links

In March Alan France spent a month in Australia, as a Visiting Professor at Sydney University, developing networks with the School of Social Work and Education, and in return CRSP was pleased to welcome Karin Ishimine on a visit from the University of Sydney. Karin spent two weeks with us looking at aspects of children's policy as part of her doctoral research into Australian childcare. We were pleased to be invited to collaborate on an international project on Work Package 4: Ethnic and Religious Citizenship. Intersections between feminism, ethnic identity and religion in a multicultural Europe, with partners from the University of Oslo.

Out and about

Staff gave presentations at UK events, and international conferences in Lisbon, Bologna, Brussels and Vienna, on a wide range of research, including:

- combining consensual and normative methods in developing a minimum income standard for Britain;
- maternal employment and choice of formal childcare in Britain;
- the importance of 'social context' and young people's 'voice' in theorising pathways into and out of crime;
- poverty (and social exclusion as a consequence);
- understanding resources in later life: views and experiences of older people;
- tax credits and Family and Children Survey related issues;
- severe child poverty in the UK; and
- different children's experiences of free time.

Two further successful trESS seminars were held at the Treasury in April and October.

Collaborations

CRSP continued building on successful collaborations with a number of other organisations both within the university and beyond, such as BMG Research and Atkins.

England's Children's Commissioner, Sir Al Aynsley-Green, gave a guest lecture at Loughborough University on Wednesday 23 May 2007.

The lecture, entitled 'Children, Young People and Childhood Today – Perspectives from the Office of the Children's Commissioner', celebrated the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education given to the University in 2005 for evaluating and helping to develop social policy related programmes.



Sir Al Aynsley-Green, Children's Commissioner for England and Professor Alan France, Director of CRSP.



CRSP and CCFR support staff collaborate to arrange Queen's Anniversary Prize event.

Prior to his lecture, Sir AI attended a seminar, arranged by CRSP with the Centre for Child and Family Research (CCFR). This included CRSP presentations from:

- Professor Alan France, with colleagues from the Midlands Centre for Criminology & Criminal Justice, Department of Social Sciences, on Socially Excluded Children and Young People as 'Other': criminalisation, antisocial behaviour and asylum seeking children and young people.
- Sue Middleton and Noel Smith on Poverty in Childhood: Research and Policy.

Frameworks

CRSP continued to collaborate with a range of government departments and organisations. We were pleased to extend our contract as a preferred supplier of research services for the Department for Work and Pensions, and to develop this relationship further as a result of being accepted onto the new Disability Lot. Our work with the Department for Transport continue, through their new framework, and we were also successful in our application for inclusion in three categories of the Learning and Skills Council's framework.

Awards

Professor Alan France, Director of CRSP and Professor Ross Homel from the Griffith University in Queensland, Australia, were awarded the annual Allen Austin Bartholomew Award for the best academic paper to appear in the Australian New Zealand Journal of Criminology (2006) Vol. 39. The paper,¹ entitled: 'Societal Access Routes and Developmental Pathways: Putting Social Structure and Young People's Voices Into the Analysis of Pathways Into and Out of Crime', explored the relationship between social context and youth offending and highlighted the importance of listening to what young people have to tell us about their experiences of crime. The article is available from the journal and has also been published in their new book,² 'Pathways and Crime Prevention', published by Willan.

Delivering training

Staff continued to contribute to the Department of Social Science's Master's in Research Methods programme, with sessions including collecting and analysing qualitative data, case studies based on research projects, fieldwork practicalities, research ethics, accessing vulnerable groups and critiquing proposals. CRSP also continued to provide sessions on qualitative data collection and analysis for the university's internal training programme for social science and humanities postgraduate students.

Support Team

In recognition of the wide range of duties undertaken by the Support Team, such as project input, event organising and marketing of the Centre, the Secretarial, Administration and Clerical Team (SACT) was renamed the Support Team.

We would also like to congratulate Nicola Selby and Rebecca Hand on passing their Level 1 OCR Shorthand Speed Exam.

¹ France, A. and Homel, R. (2006) Societal Access Routes and Developmental Pathways: Putting Social Structure and Young People's Voices Into the Analysis of Pathways Into and Out of Crime. Australian New Zealand Journal of Criminology Vol. 39.

² France, A. and Homel, R. (2007) (edited collection) Pathways and Crime Prevention: Theory, Policy and Practice. Willian Publishers.

Staff changes

In 2007 we were delighted to announce the appointment of Grahame Whitfield, who joined us from the Office for Disability Issues (part of the Department for Work and Pensions) as Assistant Director. We were also pleased to welcome Joanne Meredith who joined us as a Research Assistant to develop the topic of youth policy within the centre, and to support Alan France's research in areas such as young people's participation and citizenship.

We said goodbye to Simon Roberts, who took up a post as Special Lecturer in the School of Sociology and Social Policy at Nottingham University and Monica Magadi who moved to City University. We congratulated Yekaterina Chzhen on her successful application to read for a PhD at University of York, and Line Nyhagen Predelli, who accepted a post as lecturer in the Department of Social Sciences at Loughborough University. We wish them all well in their future careers.

Congratulations to

... Sue Middleton and her family on the birth of her granddaughter Lois Blossom;
... Alan France and his family on the birth of his grandson, Alex John France.

Other activities

As usual, in 2007 CRSP staff enjoyed a range of social events including trips to the theatre and the Loughborough street fair. Staff also participated in a range of more active pursuits, raising more than £2,500 for local and national charities during the course of the year through sponsored races and cycling events.

Looking ahead

The Centre is looking forward to announcing details of the next CRSP conference, and to celebrating its 25th birthday in 2008.



Alan France and grandson, Alex John France.



CRSP runners and friends at the 2007 Race for Life.



Projects

A Child's-Eye View of Social Difference

This research was an innovative participatory study which explored issues of importance to children, from different backgrounds, from their own perspectives. The research, which was funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and was supported by Save the Children, explored how children perceive themselves and each other. It has revealed some key similarities and stark differences between how children from different socio-economic backgrounds perceive and experience their lives.

The children believed that poverty and wealth were concepts which belonged to other people.

Forty two children aged between 8 and 13 took part in the study. Nineteen children were recruited from a youth centre on a disadvantaged estate, whilst twenty three children were recruited from an independent fee-paying school.

The research found that the children shared some key values, such as the importance of education, family and friends, free-time and their favourite things. All the children also felt that relationships and activities were more important than what they did or did not own. None of the children identified themselves as poor or rich and stressed their desire to be seen as average – highlighting the children's need to fit in with their own peer group. The children believed that poverty and wealth were concepts which belonged to other people. For example, poor people were those who were homeless or those living in the third world. Wealth was seen as having larger and more material possessions, large houses and swimming pools.

However, social difference was discussed, often antagonistically, in terms of 'chav' and 'posh' children. For example, the estate children equated being rich with being 'posh'. They felt that being rich and posh meant having few friends and less fun in their lives. In contrast, private school children often perceived children who lived on council estates to be badly behaved with parents who didn't care about them.

The research revealed some stark differences in the different children's experiences of education and leisure time with estate children having more negative and coercive experiences of school. The private school children, on the other hand, had more intensive and positive school experiences.

Private school children's free time was structured, organised and they emphasised the importance of their own personal space at home. They were involved in a wide range of cultural and sporting activities and were often accompanied by adults. The estate children's free time, on the other hand, was dominated by street play and socialising with friends in open public space around their homes. Though regulated by parents, estate children's street play was unsupervised. This meant they were more likely to be perceived as 'trouble'.

The research highlights the nature and extent of childhood social exclusion and inclusion and suggests that more understanding of poverty and affluence is promoted within citizenship education. The findings also suggest that there is a need to value the importance of street play in the lives of poorer children, and protect open public space of good quality in more disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

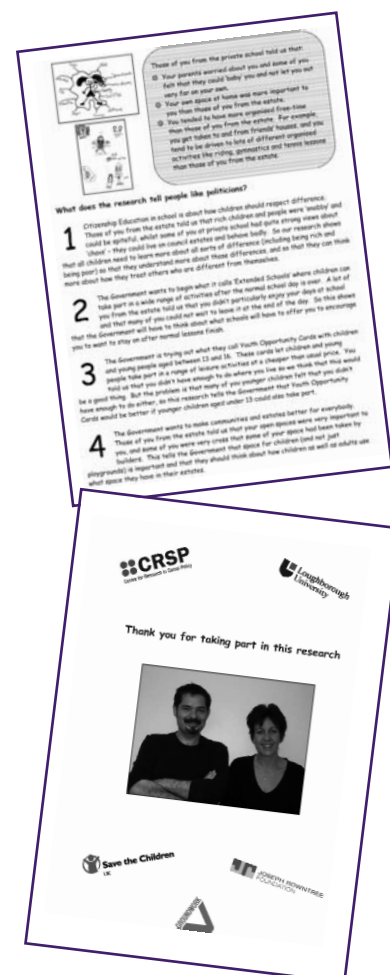


The findings from the research have been widely commented upon and reported in both the local and national media, and the findings were discussed at a seminar on children's play, space and neighbourhood in London in October 2007. The report is available from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

Publications

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Sutton, L. (2007) *A Child's Eye View in Poverty*, Issue 126, Winter 2007. London: CPAG. www.cpag.org.uk/info/Povertyarticles/Poverty126/Pov126_childseyearticle.pdf



Project team:

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Funder: Joseph Rowntree
Foundation

Dates: April 2005 -
November 2006

Evaluation of the Adult Learning Grant

The Evaluation of the Adult Learning Grant (ALG) was funded by the Learning and Skills Council and the (then) Department for Education and Skills. The evaluation commenced in August 2003 and was completed in March 2007.

The ALG pilot was announced as part of the 2003 Skills Strategy. In September 2003 the ALG was launched in ten English Learning and Skills Council (LSC) areas. In 2004/5, two full LSC regions, the North East and South East, were added, so that the ALG covered 19 local LSC areas. It was then extended into the West Midlands and Yorkshire and Humber regions in 2006-07. The Further Education (FE) White Paper published in March 2006 made a commitment to roll out the Adult Learning Grant nationally across England from September 2007, one year earlier than originally planned. National roll out is being supported by an additional £11m for 2007-08.

The ALG helps low-skilled, low-income adults with the additional costs of learning (such as books, travel), through the provision of means-tested financial support. Up to £30 per week is paid during term-time to learners aged 19 and above studying full-time for their first full Level 2 or Level 3 qualification. ALG has helped over 16,200 learners achieve their Level 2 and/or Level 3 qualifications so far.



The evaluation led by CRSP comprised longitudinal surveys of two cohorts of learners in ALG pilot areas. Cohort 1 learners were studying during the 2003/4 academic year in one of 10 original pilot areas. Cohort 1 learners were surveyed during the summer of 2004 (Wave 1) and again, during the summer of 2005 (Wave 2). Cohort 2 comprised learners studying during the 2004/5 academic year in one of 19 pilot areas. Cohort 2 learners were surveyed during the summer of 2005 (Wave 1) and were followed up during the summer of 2006 (Wave 2). Both studies compare FE learners applying for ALG for the first time ('the applicants'), and FE learners screened by age, level and mode of study, and who had not applied for ALG ('the non-applicants').

Evidence from the evaluation suggests that retention, participation and success rates increased with the receipt of ALG. Take up by minority ethnic groups was above average for FE participation. The evaluation has also demonstrated that ALG has encouraged progression to Higher Education and employment, with around 20 per cent of those learners who received ALG staying on in education. Moreover, ALG accelerated learning by making full-time study possible for those who would have otherwise studied part-time. The ALG had a positive effect on social equity, as recipients without a job were the most likely to say they would have dropped out of the course without ALG.

Evaluation final reports can be found at:

Magadi, M., Chzhen, Y., Pound, E., Phung, V-H., Tanner, E., Michaelson, J., Finch, S. and MacKenzie, H. (2006) 'Evaluation of the Adult Learning Grant: Cohort 1 (Waves 1 and 2)'. Learning and Skills Council. CRSP Working Paper No. 549.

Pound, E., Chzhen, Y., Harvey, J., Magadi, M., Michaelson, J., Finch, S., Tanner, E. and Butt, S. (2007) 'Evaluation of the Adult Learning Grant: Cohort 2 (Wave 2)'. Learning and Skills Council.

Pound, E., Chzhen, Y., Magadi, M., Phung, V-H, Michaelson, J., Finch, S., Tanner, E. and MacKenzie, H. (2006) 'Evaluation of the Adult Learning Grant: Cohort 2 (Wave 1)'. Learning and Skills Council.

Publications are available to download from: www.crsp.ac.uk/projects/alg.html

Project team:

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Funder: Department for Education and Skills and the Learning and Skills Council

Dates: August 2003 - March 2007

The Evaluation of Local Housing Allowance Pathfinderers

CRSP was part of a consortium evaluating the introduction of the Local Housing Allowance (LHA), a new system of paying Housing Benefit to tenants in the private rented sector. The LHA is part of the Government's wider strategy for Housing Benefit reform. It was introduced in nine Pathfinder areas from November 2003, a further nine in April 2005 and, as part of the Welfare Reform Bill, will be rolled out nationally in April 2008. DWP states that the aims of the LHA are to promote:

- fairness;
- choice;
- transparency;
- personal responsibility;
- financial inclusion;
- improved administration; and
- reduced barriers to work.

The need to 'keep a roof over your head' was of particular importance to parent claimants of LHA.

LHA is a flat rate allowance with the amount based upon household size and property location rather than actual rent paid. Where rent is lower than the LHA amount, the tenant can keep the difference¹, in theory giving tenants the opportunity to 'shop around'. Furthermore, under LHA, Housing Benefit is usually paid to the tenant rather than landlord (unless it is proved that the tenant is financially vulnerable or has fallen into arrears). In many cases this transfers responsibility for paying rent to tenants where Housing Benefit was previously paid directly to their landlord.

The evaluation of LHA Pathfinder areas consisted of research with key stakeholders, including:

- claimants;
- landlords;
- Housing Benefit administration staff;
- Jobcentre Plus;
- the Rent Service; and
- voluntary sector partners and independent agencies providing advice and assistance on matters such as personal finance, budgeting and homelessness.

CRSP led the Claimant Stream and contributed to the Operational and Landlord streams of the evaluation. The consortium was led by the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies at the University of Birmingham, and also included the Centre for Housing Policy at the University of York and the National Centre for Social Research.

The claimant element comprised a longitudinal large-scale survey of claimants in Pathfinder areas and in matched Control areas where there was no LHA. In addition, two waves of qualitative interviews were undertaken to examine claimants' experiences and views.

Key findings from the claimant research:

- There is no evidence of a significant increase in rent arrears as a result of LHA and it seems that the LHA rules around direct and landlord payments may be working as intended. The qualitative interviews highlight that claimants generally prioritised paying rent and took the responsibility seriously due to the perceived difficulty of repaying arrears and threat to stability.

Project team:
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Funder: Department for Work and Pensions

Dates: August 2003 - July 2006

¹ This amount is now capped, but at the time of the Pathfinder evaluation had no limit.

- Where rents were paid monthly, lack of alignment with weekly-based Housing Benefit payments makes the logistics of budgeting more challenging for claimants receiving direct payments and can deter them from using automated rent payment methods.
- Between the survey Wave 1 and Wave 3, there was a rise in the proportion of non-movers who hope to move in the future. This increase was substantially larger in the Pathfinder areas than in the Control areas. This could indicate a push-effect of LHA with claimants in Pathfinder areas feeling that they could afford more suitable accommodation, if they could only find it.
- Pathfinder claimants with a surplus were more likely to hope to move to larger accommodation than those with no surplus.
- There is no evidence that the introduction of the LHA has driven claimants to systematically over-occupy (and therefore over-crowd) their accommodation in order to maximise any excess. The qualitative interviews showed that housing decisions are generally based on suitability to need, rather than the specifics of LHA. Claimants were often not aware of how much Housing Benefit they would receive when they were looking for accommodation.
- A key issue is transparency. While well-informed claimants are able to use their knowledge to make housing choices and work decisions, lack of awareness of about how LHA operates and the opportunities it can provide limits full realisation of these policy aims. This would suggest the need for fuller information provision to claimants, not only of their entitlement, but of how LHA works as a whole.

Publications led by CRSP:

Hartfree, Y. (2007) Local Housing Allowance Final Evaluation: Implementation and Delivery in Coventry, Report No. 14d in Local Housing Allowance Final Evaluation: Case Studies of Implementation and Delivery in Each of the Nine Pathfinder Areas, Report No. 14. Department for Work and Pensions. Leeds: Corporate Document Services.

Hill, K., Harvey, J., Phung, V-H., Sandu, A., and Roberts, S. (2007) Local Housing Allowance Final Evaluation: The Qualitative Evidence of Claimants' Experience in the Nine Pathfinder Areas, Local Housing Allowance Evaluation Report No. 13. Department for Work and Pensions. Leeds: Corporate Document Services.

Perren, K., Beckhelling, J., Phung, V-H., Roberts, S., Boreham, R., Anderson, T. and Li, N. (2007) Local Housing Allowance Final Evaluation: The Survey Evidence of Claimants' Experience in the Nine Pathfinder Areas, Local Housing Evaluation Report No. 15. Department for Work and Pensions. Leeds: Corporate Document Services.

Pound, E. (2007) Local Housing Allowance Final Evaluation: Implementation and Delivery in North East Lincolnshire, Report No. 14h in Local Housing Allowance Final Evaluation: Case Studies of Implementation and Delivery in Each of the Nine Pathfinder Areas, Report No. 14. Department for Work and Pensions. Leeds: Corporate Document Services.

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Roberts, S., Beckhelling, J., Phung, V-H., Boreham, R., Anderson, T., and Li, N. (2006) Living with the LHA: Claimants' Experiences After Fifteen Months of the LHA in the Nine Pathfinder Areas, Local Housing Allowance Evaluation Report No. 9. Department for Work and Pensions. Leeds: Corporate Document Services.

Unell, J. (2007) Local Housing Allowance Final Evaluation: Implementation and Delivery in Lewisham, Report No. 14g in Local Housing Allowance Final Evaluation: Case Studies of Implementation and Delivery in Each of the Nine Pathfinder Areas, Report No. 14. Department for Work and Pensions. Leeds: Corporate Document Services.

Further evaluation reports, including the Operational and Landlord research that CRSP contributed to, can be downloaded from the DWP website: www.dwp.gov.uk/housingbenefit/lha/evaluation/

Evaluation of the New Deal for Disabled People Extension

This six year large scale evaluation, undertaken from 2001 to 2007, involved a consortium of six leading research organisations. CRSP led the consortium which involved:

- Abt Associates in Cambridge, Massachusetts;
- Institute for Employment Studies at Sussex University;
- National Centre for Social Research;
- Social Policy Research Unit at York University;
- Urban Institute in Washington, DC; and
- International Centre for Public and Social Policy, University of Nottingham.

The consortium was supported by an Advisory Group of academics and representatives of the voluntary sector chaired by Professor Robert Walker from the University of Oxford.

New Deal for Disabled People (NDDP) is a voluntary programme, which was delivered by a national network of around 60 Job Brokers, whose aim is to help people with health conditions and disabilities to move into sustained employment. The large scale evaluation involved a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods. The overall findings included:

- Participants were more likely to be: male; younger; on benefits for a short time; more likely to have musculo-skeletal problems; more likely to perceive their health as fair or very good; and better qualified than the incapacity-related benefit population generally. Participants were also closer to the labour market than non-participants.
- Job Brokers were private, public and not-for-profit organisations who bid to cover specific geographical areas.
- Changes to the funding and contractual arrangements shifted the focus of Job Brokers towards helping potential participants who were closer to the labour market.
- Between July 2001 and November 2006, 260,330 people had registered with NDDP, of whom 110,950 (43 per cent) had found jobs. Of those entering work by August 2006, 59,080 participants (57 per cent) had achieved sustainable work of at least 13 weeks.
- The main factors that affected the likelihood of participants finding jobs were their personal characteristics, the Job Brokers' characteristics and activities; and geographical location.
- NDDP was highly effective in encouraging participants to move off incapacity related benefits and increasing their employment. Benefit reductions and employment gains in the order of 10 to 15 percentage points are estimated to have been achieved after 24 months (see Figure 1).
- Cost-Benefit Analysis shows that NDDP produced positive net social benefits for both longer-term (£2,196 to £3,163) and more recent (£613 to £861) claimants.

Publications

The full report of these research findings is available from www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rrs-index.asp. See Table 1 for a full list of NDDP publications.

Stafford, B., with others¹ (2007) *New Deal for Disabled People: Third Synthesis Report – key findings from the evaluation. Research Report 430: Corporate Document Services, Department for Work and Pensions, ISBN 978 1 84712 211 7.*

Project team:

Abigail Davis, Monica Magadi, Elspeth Pound, Viet-Hai Phung, Professor David Greenberg, (of the University Maryland, Baltimore County), Professor Bruce Stafford (of the University of Nottingham), Sharon Walker and Nicola Selby

Funder: Department for Work and Pensions

Dates: July 2001 - June 2007

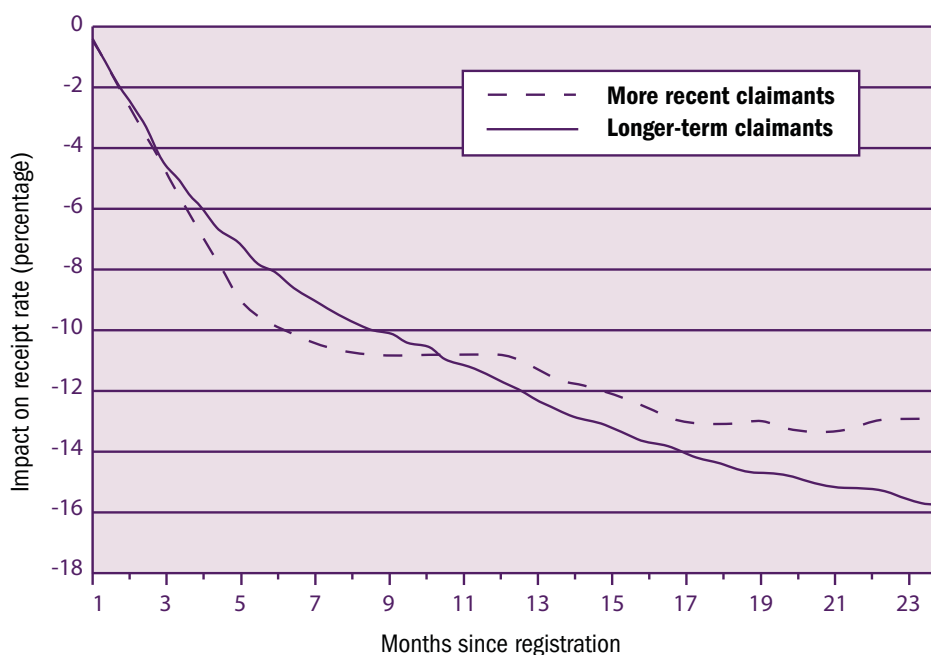
¹ A full list of authors can be found in the report: www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep430.pdf

Table 1 Department for Work and Pensions published NDDP evaluation reports and statistics

Component name	Bibliographical references
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Survey of Registrants	<p>Legge, K., Magadi, M., Phung, V-H., Stafford, B., Hales, J., Hayllar, O., Nevill, C. and Wood, M. (2006). New Deal for Disabled People: Survey of Registrants – report of Cohort Three. DWP Research Report No. 369. Leeds: CDS.</p> <p>Kazimirski, A., Adelman, L., Arch, J., Keenan, L., Legge, L., Shaw, A., Stafford, B., Taylor, R. and Tipping, S. (2005). New Deal for Disabled People Evaluation: Registrants’ Survey – Merged Cohorts (Cohorts One and Two, Waves One and Two). DWP Research Report No. 260. Leeds: CDS.</p> <p>Adelman, L., Ashworth, K., Legge, K., Mangla, J., Pires, C., Reyes de Beaman, S., Shaw, A. and Stafford, B. (2004). New Deal for Disabled People: Survey of Registrants – Report of Cohort one Waves One and Two, DWP Research Report W213. Sheffield: DWP.</p> <p>Ashworth, K., Hartfree, Y., Kazimirski, A., Legge, K., Pires, C., Reyes de Beaman, S., Shaw, A. and Stafford, B. (2004). New Deal for Disabled People National Extension: First Wave of the First Cohort of the Survey of Registrants. DWP Research Report W180. Sheffield: DWP.</p>
Survey of Job Brokers	<p>McDonald, S., Davis, A. and Stafford, B. (2004). Report of the Survey of Job Brokers. DWP Research Report W197. Sheffield: DWP.</p>
Survey of Employers	<p>Dewson, S., Ritchie, H. and Meager, N. (2005). New Deal for Disabled People: Survey of Employers. DWP Research Report No. 301. Leeds: CDS.</p>
Qualitative Research with Employers	<p>Aston, J., Willison, R., Davis, S. and Barkworth, R. (2005). Employers and the New Deal for Disabled People Qualitative Research, Wave 2. DWP Research Report No. 231. Leeds: CDS.</p> <p>Aston, J., Atkinson, J., Evans, C. and O’Regan, S. (2003). Employers and the New Deal for Disabled People: Qualitative Research: First Wave. DWP Research Report W145. Sheffield: DWP.</p>
Qualitative Research	<p>Davis, A., Pound, E. and Stafford, B. (2006). New Deal for Disabled People Extensions: examining the role and operation of new Job Brokers. DWP Research Report No. 384. Leeds: CDS.</p> <p>Lewis, J., Corden, A., Dillon, L., Hill, K., Kellard, K., Sainsbury, R. and Thornton, P. (2005). New Deal for Disabled People: An In-Depth Study of Job Broker Service Delivery. DWP Research Report No. 246. Leeds: CDS.</p> <p>Corden, A., Harries, T., Hill, K., Kellard, K., Lewis, J., Sainsbury, R. and Thornton, P. (2003). New Deal for Disabled People National Extension: Findings from the First Wave of Qualitative Research with Clients, Job Brokers and Jobcentre Plus Staff. DWP Research Report W169. Sheffield: DWP.</p>

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Impact Analysis	Orr, L., Bell, S. and Kornfeld, R. (2004). Tests of Non-experimental Methods for Evaluating the Impact of the New Deal for Disabled People. DWP Research Report W198. Sheffield: DWP.
Administrative Data	The Department regularly publishes figures on NDDP registrations and job entries on its website: www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/tabtools/tabtool_nd.asp
Cost-benefit Analysis	Greenberg, D. and Davis, A. (2007). Evaluation of the New Deal for Disabled People: Cost and Cost-benefit Analyses – DWP Research Report No. 431. Leeds: CDS.
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Figure 1 Impacts on receipt of incapacity-related benefits over 24 months



Source: Orr et al. (2007), Figure 3.1

Evaluation of the New Opportunities for PE and Sport Programme

CRSP continues to work as part of a consortium, led by the Institute of Youth Sport, to conduct a six year evaluation of the Big Lottery Fund's New Opportunities for PE and Sport (NOPES) initiative, which aims to improve sports facilities and activities across the UK.

The evaluation is complex and includes both qualitative and quantitative methods. During 2007 eleven core local authority case studies have been monitored and, where appropriate, post-opening visits have been conducted. The qualitative work explores:

- partnership arrangements;
- the impact of NOPES facilities on sports participation;
- the contribution of NOPES facilities to standards across the whole school;
- the opportunities available to the community as a result of NOPES facilities;
- the promotion of social inclusion; and
- innovation and best practice in the design and management of facilities.

Pupil surveys and community surveys continue to be distributed and analysed to explore the impact of NOPES facilities on schools and the wider community.



As part of the 2007 programme of work, CRSP has led a strand of the evaluation to explore the impact of the NOPES programme on the promotion of social inclusion through access to, and use of, sports and outdoor adventure facilities by all groups in society. Key findings are as follows:

- The development of NOPES funded sports facilities has changed perceptions and has led to a positive outlook on the part of community members living in deprived neighbourhoods. As one head teacher explained: *'The investment has created a feel good factor. People in the community feel the investment in the school was long overdue... It has given the community hope and they feel that if they (BIG) are investing that amount of money in the school then something good must be happening'*.
- The research highlights the importance of revenue funding when promoting social inclusion through use of sports facilities. As one deputy head teacher explained: *'It was so important for us to spend the money getting the facility managed properly. If it was left to us as a school I don't think we could have achieved community use because we haven't got the skills or resources'*.
- The most successful sports facilities recognise that social inclusion needs to be promoted and is not something that will simply happen. As one facility manager explained: *'It is not enough for us to simply open our doors and sit back and watch the local community come flooding in. You can't just include individuals by not excluding'*.

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Evaluation of the School Sport Partnership Programme

As part of a consortium led by the Institute of Youth Sport, CRSP continues to evaluate the effectiveness of the School Sport Partnership Programme in the delivery of its policy objectives. The programme was launched in September 2000 and now involves all schools in England.

The policy outcomes for the programme are to: increase participation among all school age children; improve standards of performance by children across a range of sports; and increase the numbers of qualified and active coaches, leaders and officials in all schools and local sports clubs/facilities.

The study is complex and involves both qualitative and quantitative work. During 2007 the annual distribution and analysis of a national survey of Partnership Development Managers, School Sports Co-ordinators and Primary Link Teachers has continued. In addition, qualitative work has been undertaken to explore the impact of physical education on attainment, behaviour and attendance and reports will be published early in 2008. CRSP has undertaken seven case studies across England to explore the relationship between physical education and attainment. This study has also involved the analysis of attainment data for all schools in England to explore the impact of School Sport Partnerships on test scores across key stages two, three and four. Selected early evidence from the qualitative case study work includes the following:

- While it is difficult to demonstrate a clear causal link between physical education and improved attainment, there is a widespread perception amongst Partnership staff and teachers in general that physical activity has a *positive impact on children's concentration and ability to learn*.
- In particular, movement programmes in primary school are thought to motivate children and promote a better learning environment. As one primary school teacher explained: *'Concentration has definitely improved and the children are much more focused'*.
- For children with dyslexia and dyspraxia, there is some evidence to suggest that physical activity improves reflexes and fine and gross motor skills which are associated with improvements in handwriting, reading and literacy.
- For older children, leadership opportunities provided by the Partnerships appear to be having an impact on attainment as young people develop new skills for learning. As one student enrolled on the BTEC First in Sport Programme explained: *'My experience of English has changed as a result of my leadership. I would never have thought about setting out my work plans before but now it helps a lot'*.



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Further information on the project and previous Annual Reports are available from: www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/sses/institutes/iys/pages/Research/ResearchCommunity/evalsprtpartner07.html

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Ex-Prisoners Study: An Exploratory Investigation into Links Between the Criminal Justice System, Jobcentre Services and the Labour Market

This is an exploratory study that centres on a key Department for Work and Pensions client group that until now has not been extensively researched in terms of its interaction with benefit and employment services and the labour market. It focuses on a cohort of ex-prisoners who were tracked over a six month period following their release from prison.

Broadly, the research aims to understand the transitions and choices ex-prisoners make on release and the role of support services on their trajectories. Whilst this research includes service providers, it does not evaluate their services. More specifically, the research explores:

- ex-prisoners' barriers, attitudes to and expectations of work, their interactions with the labour market and how these change over time;
- ex-prisoners' interactions with and views of service providers, such as Jobcentre Plus, and the extent to which service provision is integrated across agencies; and
- the relationship between crime, employment and unemployment.

Ultimately, the purpose of this report is to inform the provision of services to ex-prisoners by Jobcentre Plus and other agencies to improve employment outcomes for ex-prisoners and help reduce recidivism. The report also provides contextual data as a necessary prior step to more evaluative research on the impact of employment programmes on this client group.

The research was conducted across four case study areas, two in England and one each in Wales and Scotland. The main component of the research design was a qualitative longitudinal study of 40 prisoners about to be released from prison with three Waves of interviewing. All prisons were adult male Category C local prisons. To provide a wider context to the research, interviews with staff from key service providers and focus groups with ex-prisoners participating in progress2work-LinkUP were also conducted.

Given that ex-prisoners can be a hard to reach group, due to accommodation difficulties and substance misuse, a number of strategies were employed to minimise the attrition of prisoners from the study. A key strategy was contacting interviewees by telephone in-between interview waves to allow tracing of those who were not contactable to occur quickly, via family members, agency staff and prisons. In total 32 interviewees participated in a follow-up interview, either at Wave 2 or Wave 3, with 22 of these participating in all three interview waves.

The findings from this research are due to be published by the Department for Work and Pensions in spring 2008.

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Gendered Citizenship in Multicultural Europe: The Impact of Contemporary Women's Movements (FEMCIT)

FEMCIT explores the relationship between the changing forms and practices of gendered citizenship in a multicultural Europe and the demands and practices of contemporary women's movements. We are studying how citizenship is gendered, and how women, as ordinary citizens and activists, have been involved in challenging inequalities and injustice across Europe.

FEMCIT is a research project funded under the Sixth Framework of the European Commission. The project is a joint collaboration between 15 partners in an interdisciplinary team from 11 countries. The research project commenced in February 2007 and will run until January 2011.

FEMCIT consists of seven individual work packages or research projects which are linked through a common architecture of a gender-fair citizenship in a multicultural Europe. This conceptual architecture includes six dimensions of citizenship:

- political;
- social;
- economic;
- ethnic and religious;
- bodily and sexual; and
- intimate citizenship.

Work package 4 is entitled 'Ethnic and Religious Citizenship. Intersections between Feminism, Ethnic Identity and Religion in a Multicultural Europe', and is led by Line Nyhagen Predelli, now Lecturer in the Department of Social Sciences at Loughborough University and formerly a Research Fellow in CRSP.

Work package 4 aims to produce cross-national comparative research from fieldwork in Norway, Spain and the UK. It looks at three dimensions of citizenship within the context of FEMCIT:

- women's citizenship in feminist movements and policy-making;
- women's citizenship within religious organisations; and
- women's citizenship in everyday life.

Fieldwork is taking place in all three countries and the researchers are interviewing members of women's organisations with a view to assessing:

- the extent of collaboration between white majority organisations and ethnic minority organisations;
- the extent to which these organisations have developed a common platform; and
- the extent to which they manage to influence public policy.

The policy areas chosen are violence against women (broadly defined to include domestic violence, forced marriages and forced genital mutilation) and issues of racism and discrimination. The mapping, selection and recruitment of similar and comparable women's organisations in three different countries have proved challenging, as the structure of the women's movement in Norway, Spain and the UK is very different. In particular, there seems to be a lack of separate ethnic minority women's organisations in Spain. In many cases, ethnic minority women are embedded in general ethnic

minority organisations comprising both women and men, where they have formed separate women's sections. Moreover, it is difficult to categorise organisations according to an ethnic minority/majority distinction, as many present a more mixed picture both in terms of staffing and policy concerns.



Dr Adriana Sandu, Dr Line Nyhagen Predelli, CRSP and Professor Beatrice Halsaa and Cecilie Thun (PhD Candidate) from the University of Oslo, Norway at the 3rd FEMCIT project meeting in Leiden.

At the moment, women activists from within women's organisations are also being interviewed about their personal experiences as an activist and their personal views on issues linked to feminism, citizenship, multiculturalism, racism and discrimination, and identity. In an international project such as this, issues related to language and the translation of concepts inevitably arise. Some of the challenges met in this regard have been in the use of terms like 'citizenship', 'immigrant' and 'ethnic minority'. These concepts do not have standard definitions and careful attention must be paid to contextual factors that influence their use and understanding.

Future research will also look at how women within Christian and Muslim traditions may use their religious identity to define and mark their identity as citizens, and whether organised religion can provide women with a platform for exercising active citizenship.

Further information can be found on: www.crsp.ac.uk/projects/femcit.htm
A list of other Work Packages is available on: www.femcit.org

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The Impact of Tax Credits on Mothers' Employment

Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Working Tax Credit (WTC) were introduced in April 2003 to support families with children, to reduce child poverty and make work pay for those on low incomes. These new credits are central to the Government's ambitious policy of reducing and eventually abolishing child poverty. This research investigated their impact on labour-market participation and the working hours of women with children in Great Britain. It also explored reasons for non-take-up of the tax credits among those who appeared to be eligible.

The CTC and WTC are income-tested benefits that are administered by HM Revenue & Customs. CTC supports families with dependent children, is paid directly to the main carer in the family (usually the mother), and does not depend directly on the family's work status. WTC, on the other hand, is paid to income-eligible families with children, as well as to working people over 25 years old without children. WTC has a minimum working hours requirement: in addition to meeting other requirements for receipt of WTC, an adult responsible for a child has to work 16 hours or more a week to be eligible.

Methods

The study used data from the three latest available rounds of interviews of the longitudinal Families and Children Study (FACS), 2002/03-2004/05.

The analysis involved propensity score matching techniques, event history modelling, panel regression, and simple descriptive methods.

Key findings

- The estimated employment rates of lone parents who were receiving CTC were around 11 percentage points lower than those of eligible non-recipients with similar characteristics.
- The employment rate of mothers in couple families (i.e. with partners) who were getting CTC was eight percentage points lower, on average, than that of comparable non-recipients.
- CTC decreased the probability of moving into work for women who had not been working in 2002-03 and were not in receipt of WTC at any of the two subsequent FACS interviews.
- Lone parents receiving WTC worked around four hours fewer, on average, than comparable non-recipients.
- Getting WTC did not make any difference to the number of hours that women in couple families worked.
- Neither WTC nor CTC affected the working hours of mothers who already worked 16 or more hours a week, in both 2003-04 and 2004-05, and were eligible for WTC (and CTC) in 2004-05.
- Lone parents were most likely to receive either CTC on its own or in conjunction with WTC, in comparison with mothers in couple families.
- In 2004-05, families in the lowest income quintile were only half as likely to be in receipt of WTC as those in the second quintile. Those in the third, fourth and fifth quintiles had successively lower chances of receiving WTC than those in the second quintile.
- Families in the London area who were eligible for CTC/WTC were about half as likely to be receiving tax credit as those in the North of England.

Publications

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The report and findings are available to download from www.crsp.ac.uk/projects/childrens_tax_credits.htm



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Dates: July 2006 - November 2006

A Minimum Income Standard for Britain

Politicians from all parties are committed to addressing relative poverty – with the Government seeking to eliminate child poverty, defined in relative terms, by 2020. However, there is still no clearly agreed definition of how much people need to live on in today's society if they are to avoid material hardship. In order to inform this debate, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation has commissioned CRSP and the Family Budget Unit (FBU) at the University of York to develop a Minimum Income Standard for Britain based on social consensus about the goods and services that everyone in modern Britain should be able to afford, while at the same time drawing on expert knowledge about basic living requirements and actual expenditure patterns.

The methodology designed for this project involves bringing together groups of ordinary people to develop minimum income standards for someone living in the same household type as themselves. Selected areas of the budgets, such as food and heating, are developed with expert input, and the resulting income standards are informed by comparison with average expenditure patterns.

This project uses an innovative method to combine consensual and normative approaches.

The research encompasses seven stages of discussion, consultation, calculation, verification and testing to derive the income standards.

Work started in May 2006 and over the summer the project team held groups to explore what having an acceptable 'minimum standard' of living includes. These groups also constructed case studies – hypothetical individuals for subsequent groups to focus on when constructing budgets. Day-long task groups were held in the autumn of 2006 and these 15 groups debated and agreed detailed lists of the items, activities and services the case study individuals would need in order to have an acceptable minimum standard of living. Experts were consulted to advise on heating and fuel requirements and to ensure that the diets included were nutritionally adequate.

This year has seen the work progress through the Check Back phase – ten groups who critically reflected upon the budgets, assessing the extent to which they met minimum standards. These groups also discussed economies of scale, and considered the information provided by the experts. A final stage of groups met to look at any remaining issues, to provide further insights into economies of scale and to examine budget areas in comparison with expenditure survey data to help to explain differences and similarities.

The findings of the project are expected in summer 2008 and will have direct policy relevance by contributing to debates and discussions about poverty in Britain.

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National Youth Agency Briefing Papers

The National Youth Agency (NYA) commissioned a series of papers looking at the contribution of youth work to delivering better services across the local authority. Each of the five papers concentrates on one of the Every Child Matters (ECM) outcomes:

- Being Healthy;
- Staying Safe;
- Enjoying and Achieving;
- Making a Positive Contribution; and
- Achieving Economic Wellbeing.

CRSP was commissioned to write two of these papers, *Staying Safe* (Book 3) and *Making a Positive Contribution* (Book 5). The papers are available in full, under the Research Programme Series, on the NYA website: www.nya.org.uk

Introduction

In 2003 the Green Paper ECM set out an holistic framework for the future development of children and young people's services. The ECM legislation was followed, in 2005, by the Green Paper Youth Matters (DfES, 2005). This aims to help young people (13 to 19-year-olds) achieve the five core outcomes of ECM.

Staying Safe: The implications for youth work of Every Child Matters

Key proposals

Staying safe is a hugely important area for children and young people. Having it as a core outcome with its accompanying targets and indicators places it firmly onto the policy agenda. As such, it is a step in the right direction that creates opportunities for working with young people in positive ways. While the core objective of staying safe is safeguarding children and young people, ECM introduces the importance of early intervention and prevention in helping young people stay safe. This is a critical policy initiative and one to which youth workers can make an important contribution. Being safe impacts on good health, making a positive contribution, being able to achieve and enjoy life, and being economically active. It should, therefore, be a major part of a co-ordinated approach to supporting young people in their personal and social development.

The staying safe agenda is being driven forward by a wide range of policies across central government. It is important that in co-ordinating local responses and practices, youth workers and their managers draw upon this broad policy framework to underpin their work. To improve feelings of safety, policy and practice need to recognise that as young people reach their early 20s and move into independent living, they will be more vulnerable to risks and will, therefore, need continued support and help beyond the age of 19. This is especially relevant for vulnerable groups and those without the support of adults. It is important that staying safe initiatives build in young people's perspectives. Not only will these help inform practitioners of the issues that should be targeted, but also allow for the development of an evidence base and assessment that recognises the positive contribution young people can make to policy.

Experiences of safety are influenced by issues of class, race, gender and sexuality, and policy and practice need to recognise this diversity in their local strategic plans.

Government attention to aspects of safety such as recognising and supporting young victims is also very welcome and important. Youth workers are well positioned to develop intervention programmes that help tackle these problems.

... a step in the right direction that creates opportunities for working with young people in positive ways.

Homelessness is also an important indicator of safety and needs to be central to the ECM strategic approach to making young people safe in their communities. National policy provides a framework where youth workers could make a significant contribution. Government has also made a very positive move to tackle the sexual exploitation of young women; asylum seekers and refugees have been identified as a high risk group and need to be given more protection. Youth workers have a good record of working with such groups and this should be core to practice. The reduction of road accidents is also a new and important area of work to introduce to the ECM framework. For young people co-ordinated plans should focus on young drivers, young workers, and young people in the home. This will need to be targeted at 16 to 24-year-olds. Challenges do exist for youth work in this area – as the new forms of practice and structures for youth provision emerge. It raises challenges for the notion of voluntary association and core youth work values, but youth workers are well positioned to make a significant contribution to this area of work.

Positive Contribution: The implications for youth work of Every Child Matters

Key proposals

A policy focus on developing a more co-ordinated approach to helping young people make a positive contribution is an important and significant development in youth policy and one that is to be welcomed. Across a wide range of youth policies 'making a positive contribution' has focused on tackling negative aspects of young people's circumstances such as reducing youth crime, disaffection in education, social exclusion and anti-social behaviour. In contrast the Youth Matters policy agenda offers opportunities to concentrate on more positive activities of the young. Making a positive contribution is closely linked to central government's desire to encourage 'active citizenship' amongst the young and can be seen in a wide range of policy initiatives in areas such as education and sport development, which are aiming to prepare the young for future citizenship.

It is assumed that a common agreement exists over what 'positive contribution' means. Much of this debate focuses on the need to teach the young their responsibilities. There is a danger that limited attention is being given to young people's rights including the right to participate or not. A core challenge to policy and practice in this area remains how to find ways and mechanisms of encouraging the contributions of some of the most excluded groups of young people. This is especially relevant for those from different ethnic groups, disabled young people and those who are seen as a 'problem' such as young offenders and those excluded from school. Notions of 'contribution' need to be underpinned by an understanding of how it will bring about change. If practice is about maintaining the status quo then the most disaffected are likely to remain marginalised and less willing to participate. It is important that professional practice and policy makers do not 'problematise' those who do not volunteer, those who decide not to be 'active' in traditional ways, or those that do not participate in sport consultation processes as expected. Participation in this context has to be about choice. Since early 2000 central government has been developing a wide range of initiatives that have aimed to increase ways that young people can be encouraged to make a positive contribution. Youth work is well positioned to help deliver these programmes. It has a long history of helping the young to develop the skills, confidence and abilities to be active in these processes, and experience in developing processes and programmes of participation in decision-making, sport and volunteering.

Publications

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Download, free of charge, from: www.crsp.ac.uk/publications/alans_publications/making_a_positive_contribution.htm

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Needs and Resources in Later Life

This project used secondary analysis to explore older people's needs and resources to establish if, and how, these change as people progress through the later stages of life. Analysis was undertaken from five different cross-sectional and longitudinal datasets:

- British Household Panel Survey;
- Expenditure and Food Survey (combining the Family Expenditure Survey and National Food Survey);
- Poverty and Social Exclusion Survey of Britain;
- General Household Survey; and
- Health Survey for England.

The project produced a range of policy relevant findings and suggestions for future research. On the latter, this has manifested itself in a qualitative investigation of older people's needs and resources over time, which CRSP is now undertaking (see Planning and Deploying Resources in Later Life – A Qualitative Study).

The main findings were:

- Age itself is not a predictor of hardship. Thus, it is not necessarily true that being older gives rise to increasing needs.
- Those who were less well off in the early stages of later life continue to remain so in later stages. Those who were better off in the early stages of later life continue to remain better off in the later stages.
- People spend smaller proportions of their incomes as they get older (see Table 1).
- Age-related targeting of resources on older people with moderate ill-health or disability would not be particularly effective.
- The likelihood of reporting having a life-limiting health condition increased across successive cohorts of older people.
- Future cohorts of older people will have higher aspirations than current cohorts with respect to spending and owning consumer durables.
- Whatever measure is used to define needs and resources, financial poverty is the major issue for policy makers to focus on, both for current and future generations of older people.

Table 1 Median of Percentage Income Spent in Total, by Age and Year

Age of Respondent	Median per cent			
	1971	1981	1991	2001/2
65-69	98	89	82	85
70-74	97	84	81	85
75-79	92	78	79	76
80+	83	69	73	67
All	95	82	80	79

Publications

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Further information and report links can be found at: www.crsp.ac.uk/projects/rill_quant.html

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Dates: June 2004 - December 2006

Planning and Deploying Resources in Later Life – A Qualitative Study

This project aims to explore how older people plan, use and value the resources available to them during and for later life. Extended life expectancy means that resources in later life have to be planned and managed over ever longer periods. Understanding how and why older people plan, use and value their resources (widely defined to include health, social networks, housing, transport as well as financial resources), their aspirations, attitudes and behaviour and how these interact in later life will provide important information about what people need in order to achieve an acceptable quality of life throughout older age. The central aim of this project is to examine how resources and needs change over time.

A qualitative longitudinal approach is being adopted. The first wave of 91 in-depth interviews with respondents aged 65 to 84 took place in 2005, from which a report was produced. Around a year later respondents were telephoned to gather a brief update on any changes in circumstances, and also to help maintain contact with the project. All but one household was contacted during this phase. A second wave of in-depth interviews was conducted during summer 2007. The aim was to recontact as many of the original 91 respondents as possible, although it was expected that some people would drop out between waves. In fact, the attrition rate has been relatively low (around 75 achieved interviews), in some part due to measures built into the research design.

Maintaining contact with respondents is vital for this research and effort was made to keep in touch with participants throughout the project. Generating and maintaining respondents' interest is also essential if they are to continue to take part in follow-up interviews. This was recognised from the beginning of the process, so Christmas cards and updates on progress and findings were regularly sent to participants as reminders of the research and their involvement. Time was invested talking to respondents about the project and the purpose of the interview so that people fully understood what they were involved in before consenting to take part. Furthermore, time spent around the interview was important in order to build rapport with respondents and make the experience as enjoyable as possible for them.

A feature of this project is the involvement of a Consultative Group of local, older people throughout the various stages of the project. Their views on the most appropriate ways to find, engage and retain older respondents, as well as advice on re-contacting participants and issues around potential change has been a valuable part of the research process.

The analysis of Wave Two data took place through autumn and winter 2007-2008 with a second report due in 2008. This stage of the research will particularly focus on what has changed, for whom, the impact of change and the interconnectedness of resources when change occurs - how changes in one aspect of life affect others. We will also explore how people adapt and manage their current situations and changes in circumstances and how resources are drawn on (or not) to help or hinder the process. This will include looking at 'softer' resources, for example, personal attitude which was raised as an influential factor at the Wave One interviews.

'We've got such a cheerful and positive attitude to life and I believe that helps you'.

'My sense of humour's got me through life'. (Quote from Wave One report)

Furthermore, respondents' thoughts about the future will also be covered – as noted at Wave One this can often be more about uncertainty than planning.

'I did plan ahead when I was at work, yes, I tried to. But now you can't plan ahead, because tomorrow never comes, you don't know how long you've got'. (Quote from Wave One report)

Publications

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Dates: January 2005 -
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Risk Perceptions and Responses, and Transitions in the Life Course

This intergenerational study of risk has investigated perceptions and responses to risk among parents and their adult offspring. In the Risk Society thesis forwarded by Ulrich Beck and other theorists, the labour market is seen as having a key role in the production of processes of individualisation. While the 1950s and 1960s are perceived by risk theorists as a modern society where traditional ties of family and personal networks played a key role in access to and mobility in the labour market, the 1970s and onwards are seen as a modern “risk regime” where individualisation requires each individual to be responsible for his or her own choices in relation to a labour market which no longer accommodates employment based on kinship and friendship. Our sample of two generations of individuals facilitated an examination of these purported changes in terms of entry to and participation in the labour market.

A total of 58 in-depth interviews with 29 pairs of parents and their adult children (16 pairs of mothers and daughters; 13 pairs of fathers and sons) were conducted. A majority of the parent generation belonged to the working classes and had only completed compulsory education, while a majority of the offspring generation belonged to the middle classes and roughly half of them had received education beyond compulsory schooling. In our sample there was, thus, evidence of upward social mobility in terms of both educational achievement and occupational status.

From an intergenerational perspective we expected to find discontinuity between the more determined trajectories, buttressed by traditional support networks, and the more individualised biographies emphasising self-reliance and risk. Typically, members of the parent generation presented narratives in which forces beyond their own control were decisive in relation to their first entry into the labour market. Pathways to employment were determined by (limited) local opportunity structures and personal networks consisting of family, friends and their connections to local employers. Notably, the narratives of the parent generation were not permeated by any strong sense of risk in relation to entry into the labour market. *“There was always some sort of work”*, was the common refrain. Although options were in many cases limited, there were no instances where members of the parent generation were left with no choice. Furthermore, they were able to rely to a large extent on personal networks and, in a few cases, on institutions like the Labour Exchange if such networks were non-existing. A working class background functioned to constrain individual choice and opportunities, and the main driving force for labour market participation among the parent generation was financial need.

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Significant changes have taken place from one generation to the next, from the more determined trajectories of the parent generation to more individualised and open-ended trajectories for the offspring generation. On the whole, there was much less reliance on family, friends and institutions among the offspring generation in relation to entry to the labour market. Generally, the biographical narratives of offspring individuals were suffused with the notion of an increase in individualised choice and responsibility. This generation was also more risk aware, as increasing options and choices, combined with a changing and demanding labour market, in some cases led to constant self-doubt and decision-making processes fraught with worry and insecurity. Risk awareness, however, did not necessarily imply risk preparedness, and many lamented the absence of job security and a lack of personal financial investments. However, members of the offspring generation had also experienced and worried about the limits that could be put on their individual agency by structural constraints arising from the economy and the labour market. Furthermore, patterns of socialisation that discouraged individual agency were perceived as having hindered upward social mobility and self-realisation among the offspring generation.

Although it was found that many parents described their entry into the labour market as having been facilitated by traditional support networks, and that children tended to describe their experiences as individualised agents in relation to the labour market, analysis revealed that continuities between the responses of parents and children were as

pervasive as the discontinuities. That is, the different generations' biographical narratives were suffused with complex notions of opportunities, constraints, agency and risk. The narratives also suggested that class and labour market structures could not easily be disentangled and separated from processes of individualisation and socialisation in the experiences of our interviewees. The analysis revealed the continued importance of structural factors such as labour market features and class backgrounds alongside socialisation processes and increasing individualisation of responsibility in relation to labour market entry and participation. The data also confirmed the importance of class, gender and age in the analysis of risk.

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Project team:

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Funder: Economic and Social
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Dates: November 2003
- June 2008

A Systematic Review of Poverty Dynamics Research

Dynamic research presents a dramatically more comprehensive understanding of income poverty than point-in-time studies. While point-in-time studies provide a static 'snap shot' of the population at a given moment, dynamic or longitudinal research traces the same individuals or households over time and so is able to record stories of change. This project assesses what we know about poverty dynamics in the UK, based on a systematic literature review of existing research.

Systematic review methodology provides a comprehensive and unbiased assessment of available literature on a given subject. It uses a transparent, detailed search strategy which determines where and how literature is searched, and what criteria in terms of relevance and quality will be applied to determine whether literature is included. In probably the largest such review in the UK social sciences, this project screened over 10,000 references from which 116 were taken and used in the review.

Poverty in the UK is still most frequently examined using point-in-time approaches. However, from this perspective, poverty can seem rather one dimensional – as an homogenous and relatively static state experienced by an homogenous and discreet group, 'the poor'. An impression given by point-in-time studies is of a population differentiated between 'the poor' and the non-poor as two relatively separate entities. In contrast, dynamic research shows that people can experience different types of poverty, that the majority of people who experience poverty move out of poverty, and that many more people experience poverty over a period of time than do at any one moment in time. The concept of 'the poor' is misleading and, instead, we see a broad population with diverse experiences of poverty. At the same time, dynamic research reveals who moves in and out of poverty and why, and so sheds light on how life chances are stacked against certain individuals and families.

One of the over-arching implications of poverty dynamics research for social policy is the need to adopt a more differentiated classification of poverty. Recognition of transient poverty, recurrent poverty and persistent poverty, respectively, would seem to be a vital step towards improving the effectiveness of policy in targeting anti-poverty initiatives and evaluating those initiatives. Cutting across this, greater understanding is needed of how poverty dynamics vary for the 'very poor' compared with the 'just poor'.

Another over-arching implication of this type of research is the need for policy to adopt a more dynamic perspective. Lifting people above the income poverty threshold at one moment in time is no guarantee that they will remain above that threshold. If social policy focuses only on poverty exit, and not on keeping people out of poverty, it is likely to devote successive waves of resources on many of the same individuals and because many of these will still return to poverty, efforts to eradicate poverty will be inherently undermined. What this suggests is the need for policy to broaden its perspective from one in which change is viewed simply as transitions between fixed states (e.g. poverty to non-poverty or unemployment to employment). Instead, a dynamic policy perspective is required to address poverty dynamics - one which views change as processes in the context of the life course.

Publications

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Lifting people above the income poverty threshold at one moment in time is no guarantee that they will remain above that threshold.

Project team:

Noel Smith, Sue Middleton, Jacqueline Beckhelling, Rebecca Hand and Kate Legge (University of Nottingham)

Funder: Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Dates: May 2004 - November 2006

Tackling the Transport Barriers to Social Inclusion: The Potential of Individual Transport Budgets



Transport – access to key services, opportunities and networks – is central to people’s life chances. It is well documented that problems with access have a tangible impact on people’s lives, and that social disadvantage and mobility barriers often go hand in hand. As part of its efforts to look at the most innovative policy options to ensure accessibility for everyone, the Department for Transport commissioned CRSP to undertake a ‘think piece’ about the potential of using individualised budgets to ensure that people at risk of social exclusion have access to key services and employment and education opportunities.

The inception of this project was motivated, in part, by the development of individualised budgets in the social care field. Because individuals are best placed to identify how to meet their own needs, and because Individual Transport Budgets (ITBs) could offer individuals choice about how to use their budgets, ITBs, in theory, have the potential to be a more efficient use of resources for addressing need than blanket subsidising of services. This rationale is critically considered in the project.

The aims of the project were as follows:

- Identify the groups of people for whom transport is a barrier to social inclusion, along with the most problematic journeys.
- Assess the effectiveness of current programmes and policies for tackling these barriers, and identify any gaps or inefficiencies.
- Assess the potential of individualised budgets for meeting these needs and tackling transport-related disadvantage.
- Outline the main advantages, disadvantages and risks of this approach, including the likely impacts on existing transport services and other users, and estimate the likely cost-benefit ratio of a similar scheme.
- If appropriate, outline possible delivery options, including the most promising areas for initial trials or pilots, the conditions of success and mode of payment and technology (e.g. use of ‘smartcards’).

The project is based on evidence from a number of sources. It draws from existing social research in the UK on the mobility needs and experiences of different social groups. A range of datasets is used for financial and statistical information, with the main sources here being the National Travel Survey and Expenditure and Food Survey. Other information was collated from web-based searches, such as details about provision in different local authorities, relevant social welfare benefits, and transport policy and legislation.

Much of the thinking for the ‘think piece’ took place through consultation with a series of experts across transport and welfare fields. In the absence of specific evidence about individualised transport provision, the project depended on transferable-knowledge from these fields.

The findings from this investigation will be published in due course.

Project team:

Noel Smith, Jacqueline Beckhelling and Sharon Walker

Funder: Department for Transport

Dates: February 2007 - April 2007

Training and Reporting on European Social Security (trESS)

Training and Reporting on European Social Security (trESS) is a unique project funded by the European Commission and led by Ghent University in collaboration with independent experts on European social security and cross-border healthcare in each of the 27 EU member countries. Dr Simon Roberts is the UK National Expert.

The aim is to:

- increase the knowledge base about the regulations that co-ordinate social security and cross-border healthcare in the European Union;
- build strong networks rooted at national and European level;
- identify and inform the European Commission about problems and challenges at operational level in the member states; and
- report on the situation, trends and perspectives regarding the provision of cross-border social security and healthcare at both national and community level.

To achieve these aims the Network:

- reports directly to the European Commission;
- organises one-day seminars in each of the 27 member countries;
- is building a pan-European network and database of people with a practical and/or academic interest in these issues;
- has a website www.tress-network.org/TRESSAJAX/ which contains full texts in most national languages of relevant EU legislation and case law and details of forthcoming national seminars; and
- publishes a regular e-news letter that is circulated to nearly 2000 subscribers across Europe.

The UK seminars have enjoyed the support of UK Government Departments involved in the co-ordination of social security and healthcare. For example, the second seminar in 2006 was held in the centre of Newcastle with the support of the International Pension Centre, while both the 2007 seminars were held at the Treasury in Whitehall, the second in the historic Winston Churchill Room. The seminars have brought together the European Commission, senior civil servants, Social Security Commissioners, welfare rights advisers, lawyers, international financial advisers, and independent academic and other experts to discuss and debate the challenges of co-ordinating social security and healthcare in an expanding Europe. Recent discussions have included implications of UK pension reform for co-ordination, new developments in cross-border healthcare, the Right to Reside Test, programme protection, the UK judicial process, and the recent decisions of the European Court of Justice.

Healthcare is an important dimension of a growing 'Citizens' Europe'.

Project team:

Simon Roberts and
Nicola Selby

Funder: European Commission

Dates: December
2004 - 2010

The co-ordination of social security is effective and plays a crucial role in realising the aim of free movement.

In addition to organising the seminars, the national experts write an annual report on policy and legal developments at national level. These national reports feed into the annual European Report. The key findings of the 2007 European Report are that co-ordination of social security and healthcare across Europe is very effective and is an important dimension of a growing 'Citizens' Europe'. There are of course challenges, not least those caused by the recent expansion of the Community to include 12 new member countries. However, preparation has been good both at EU level and within the new member countries which have been strongly supported by 'Twinning Programmes' set up in co-operation between the European Commission, 'old' member states and the new member countries. The UK has been very actively involved in these programmes.

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Understanding the Experience of Ethnic Minorities at Loughborough University

CRSP has been commissioned by Loughborough University to undertake research to explore the experiences of ethnic minority undergraduates at the University. The specific aims and objectives of the research are to:

- identify the ethnic diversity among the student population of Loughborough University;
- explore their 'student experience' on and off-campus, examining both the social and the structural context of being a student at Loughborough University; and
- examine the academic performance of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) students and to explore teaching styles or curriculum structures to see if they impact on the student experience.

The methodological approach is both quantitative and qualitative and draws upon existing data available through the University systems, as well as conducting a range of focus groups and one-to-one interviews with a wide range of key stakeholders, including students and relevant staff.

The research is in its final stages and will be reported on in the spring of 2008. Early findings from the statistical analysis show that the proportion of UK/EU undergraduate students from BME backgrounds admitted to Loughborough University during the past decade has gradually increased, especially during the 2000s. Students of Black ethnic origin increased from about one to two per cent; those of Asian origin increased from about five to eight per cent; and students of mixed race increased from zero to almost three per cent. The levels of participation of ethnic minority students at Loughborough University are generally lower than that of national Higher Education institutions, but the rate of increase is notably higher. Between 2000/01 and 2005/06, the share of the UK undergraduate full-time population accounted for by BME students increased from 17 per cent to 19 per cent. The corresponding share at Loughborough University accounted for by BME students increased from eight to 12 per cent during the same period. Findings from the analysis of the National Student Satisfaction Survey (NSS) on 2006 data showed that BME students' levels of satisfaction compared favourably with national averages and with their white counterparts at Loughborough. Highest ratings at Loughborough were for the availability of good learning resources. The lowest ratings were given for assessment and feedback. These are consistent with the NSS results, although there was a little more variation between ethnic groups in the NSS.

Staff Profiles



Jacqueline Beckhelling *Research Associate*

Jacqueline trained as a statistician and her main interests are in quantitative analysis methods and health policies. This year Jacqueline worked on a number of projects such as the Evaluation of Local Housing Allowance Pathfinders; A Systematic Review of Poverty Dynamics and A Minimum Income Standard for Britain. Jacqueline has also worked on the Needs and Resources in Later Life project which will be publishing findings in 2008. In 2008, much of Jacqueline's time will be spent on the Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the New Local Safeguarding Children Boards, which will commence in January 2008.



Nigel Bilsbrough *Finance and Resources Manager*

Nigel is the longest serving member of CRSP staff and despite having worked for the Centre for over 16 years he is still surprised and challenged by the huge variety of work that comes his way. This has been a particularly interesting year as several large government evaluation projects have ended and we have sought new research sponsors in addition to our existing funding base. We have been extremely successful in these endeavours achieving preferred contractor status on no fewer than three new Framework Agreements.

Outside of the Centre Nigel continues as an elected Board Member of ARMA, (the Association of Research Managers and Administrators), is a co-opted member of the Executive Committee of ARCIS, (the Association of Research Centres in the Social Sciences) and is an invited member of a group established through the Social Research Association to look at best practice in the commissioning of Social Science research.

In his (limited) spare time Nigel still manages to play regularly in the University's staff squash league and attends weekly language classes in Italian but admits progress is slow. This year he has also joined a local group called In Tandem which offers the opportunity for people with a disability to experience the joy, or if Nigel happens to be the front rider, the pain, of cycling on a tandem.



Dr Sue Cotton *Finance Assistant*

Sue joined CRSP in June 2005. Her role is to support the Finance and Resources Manager with all aspects of the financial management of the Centre. Sue is responsible for maintaining accurate budget and staffing plans for the Centre's projects and collating staff returns for sickness and holidays.



Lynne Cox *Research Associate*

Now in her tenth year at CRSP Lynne has worked on a wide range of projects. Linking in to her interests in vulnerable groups Lynne has been involved, during 2007, entirely in work on 'Resources in Later Life'. Having reached an age where it is easier to empathise with this group, Lynne now works part-time.

Abigail Davis *Research Associate*

Abigail joined CRSP in 1998 and has worked on a wide range of projects across CRSP's themes. Linking to her interests in children and families, and poverty and social exclusion, in 2007 she has continued to look at minimum income standards in a national and international context.

Highlights of her year have included attending an international EU conference in Brussels to present the innovative methodology being used on the Minimum Income Standard for Britain project (MIS), as well as running the London Marathon for the second time.

For 2008 she is looking forward to the completion of MIS, and also to leading a new project exploring the dynamics of debt.

Abigail is a member of the Social Research Association, the steering committee for the International Bibliography for the Social Sciences and the CRSP publicity group.



Chris Dearden *Research Fellow*

In the last 12 months Chris has been working on a study of ex-prisoners and the barriers they face when returning to the community. This project is drawing to a close and the results will be published in 2008.

In the first half of 2008 Chris will be assessing the needs of young carers in Manchester, a project that sees her returning to a particular area of interest. She will be working with staff from Manchester Carers' Forum and with Jo Aldridge, a colleague from the Department of Social Sciences.

Chris's research interests are young and adult carers; community care and social care; young people's transitions to adulthood; and children's roles within families.



Professor Alan France *Director*

Alan has now been Director of CRSP for over 12 months and has had a busy year getting to know and understand how CRSP operates. Taking on the leadership of such a large but successful Applied Research Centre has been a challenge but one that has been exciting and enjoyable. It has been a busy time because of the Research Assessment Exercise in which Alan has led the CRSP submission. In total, over 80 per cent of CRSP's senior staff were included within the Department of Social Science's RAE submission which is nearly a 50 per cent increase on 2001. Alan has had a busy year publishing. His two books (*Understanding Youth in Late Modernity*, Open University Press and *Pathways and Crime Prevention*, Willan press) were published in 2007. He has also had two other academic papers published in journals both related to the subject of youth and citizenship (*Youth Culture, Citizenship and Multiculturalism* in *Journal of European Studies* and *Youth, Citizenship and the governance of Inclusion* in *Sistema Review*, Spain). Alan was also awarded the annual prize for the best article published in the *Australian New Zealand Journal of Criminology* in 2006. Alan has recently been awarded the contract (with Emily Munro in Centre for Child and Family Research) for the National Evaluation of the Local Safeguarding Children Boards. This research starts in January 2008.





Rebecca Hand *Project Administrator*

Rebecca has worked at CRSP since 2006 and is one of the Centre's project administrators. She has administrative responsibility for a number of projects which include the Planning and Deploying Resources in Later Life project. Rebecca will also have administrative responsibility for two new projects in 2008 which include the Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the New Local Safeguarding Children Boards and the Evaluation of the Impact and Effectiveness of Face-to-face Guidance Provision to Older Workers.

As a project administrator, Rebecca supports all of the work undertaken by the project team which covers the general day-to-day tasks, to formatting and sending out progress and final reports to ensure the quality of the project's outputs.

Rebecca also has a role in assisting with the administration of the Centre's conferences and seminars.

One of Rebecca's key responsibilities this year has been to work with the Director to put together the submissions for the Research Assessment Exercise.

This year Rebecca combined work and study and successfully passed her Level 1 OCR Shorthand Speed Exam and is now continuing to progress on to Level 2.



Yvette Hartfree *Senior Research Associate*

Yvette's main research interests are social security, welfare to work, the delivery of benefit and employment services and, in particular, how these relate to people with multiple disadvantages. Yvette is an experienced qualitative researcher in both cross-sectional and longitudinal research designs and has expertise in conducting research with vulnerable and disadvantaged groups.

Most recently she has been working on a longitudinal project exploring the transitions made by people leaving prison in relation to the labour market. This project is drawing to a close and the results will be published in 2008.



Dr Janet Harvey *Assistant Director*

Janet's background is in medical sociology and organisational studies. Her main research interests relate to the provision of health and social care. Specific issues include: service configuration; integrated working; work organisation and skill-mix issues and Health Service management.

She also has a research interest in older people, both in terms of older workers but also in relation to the health and social care needs of people in later life. Recent research also includes understanding the experiences of British ethnic minority university students. Janet will be working on a DWP funded project, Face-to-face Guidance Pilot for Older Workers, in 2008, together with completing the British Ethnic Minority University Students Study and continuing the Evaluation of New Opportunities Fund for PE and Sport (NOPES), the Evaluation of School Sports Co-ordinator Programme and the Gendered Citizenship in Multicultural Europe projects.

Katherine Hill *Research Associate*

Katherine has a range of research interests, her most recent work being around older people and welfare policy evaluation. In the last year she has continued to lead the JRF funded project 'Planning and Deploying Resources in Later Life'. Katherine has enjoyed re-visiting respondents during a second wave of interviews and is now immersed in the analysis of this rich data for the report due in 2008. The publication following the qualitative claimant element of the evaluation of the Local Housing Allowance Pathfinders for DWP was published in 2007. Katherine found this work rewarding given her particular interest in the client or claimant perspective of policy evaluation, especially for groups whose views or experiences might not necessarily be heard. In 2008 Katherine will be involved in evaluating a DWP initiative trialling the provision of information about work options for older workers, part of the welfare reforms intended to support extended working lives.



Thahmina Mannan *Clerical Assistant/Project Administrator*

Thahmina has worked at CRSP since 2005 and is one of the Centre's Project Administrators.

As a project administrator, Thahmina supports all the work undertaken by the project team which covers the general day-to-day tasks, to formatting and sending out reports and publications to ensure the quality of the project outputs.

Thahmina is part of the Centre's Work and Wellbeing group. She is also involved in assisting with the administration of the Centre's conferences and seminars.

2008 will see Thahmina undertaking NVQ Level 2 in Business Administration.



Joanne Meredith *Research Assistant*

Joanne joined CRSP in June 2007, and her primary research interests include drug policy and its impact on young people; education policy and family policies. Since joining CRSP, Joanne has been involved in conducting research on youth culture and multiculturalism, youth poverty and drug-taking and risk. She has recently attended a conference on "Youth Culture in Europe", and completed training on Qualitative Research Methods. She hopes to develop her own research further through writing a paper on young people and drug-taking, which will utilise her qualitative methods training. She will also be involved in more projects, including a National Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the New Local Safeguarding Children Boards.



Sue Middleton *Research Director*

Sue's main research interests are in the definition and measurement of poverty and social exclusion, particularly in relation to children, adequacy standards, evaluation methodology and the development of both quantitative and qualitative methods.

Sue was working on the Minimum Income Standard project in 2007 but she is presently on long term sick leave. We hope to see her back, in full health, sometime in 2008.





Dr Kim Perren *Research Fellow*

Kim specialises in quantitative research methods and her interests involve understanding disadvantage and social exclusion across the life course. Since arriving at CRSP in 2002 she has worked on a number of large-scale, mixed method policy evaluations including the piloting of the Education Maintenance Allowance. This included components focusing on the circumstances of vulnerable 16-18 year olds, teenage mothers, young people with special educational needs, and those who were not in education, employment or training. She has recently been engaged in research for the Department for Transport which considered the potential social and distributional impact of road pricing schemes on vulnerable sectors of the community in Shropshire. She is currently leading on a project funded by the Department for Work and Pensions which assesses the provision of work and pension-related guidance to older workers.



Viet-Hai Phung *Research Associate*

Viet-Hai's research interests centre around ethnic minorities, focusing on disadvantage and immigration. This year, he was involved in the third wave of the Local Housing Allowance evaluation and is involved in exploring the experiences of ethnic minority undergraduates at Loughborough University. He is currently writing an article about child poverty among ethnic minorities and is also joint-co-ordinator of the CRSP seminar series. In 2008, he will be involved in a DWP funded project looking at experiences and perceptions of older workers.

This year, he has attended a Conference, at Nottingham University, entitled Beyond Blair? The Future of Social and Public Policy. He also attended a seminar given by Professor David Gillborn, at Birmingham University, on Black educational under-achievement. He recently attended a public meeting of the left-of-centre pressure group, Compass, entitled Building a Progressive Consensus, where Cabinet Office Minister, Ed Miliband was a speaker.

Outside work, Viet-Hai completed his first half-marathon in Nottingham in September.



Elspeth Pound *Research Fellow*

Elspeth is a qualitative researcher and has interests that span both health services' research and education research.

Elspeth has undertaken work on two main projects this year, Ex-Prisoners: An Exploratory Investigation into Links Between the Criminal Justice System, Jobcentre Services and the Labour Market, and Evaluation of the Adult Learning Grant (ALG).

Elspeth project-directed the ALG study, which was funded by the (then) Department for Education and Skills and the Learning and Skills Council. The study involved longitudinal surveys of two learner cohorts. Of particular interest, was the effect of the grant on learners' participation, retention, qualification achievement, and employment status.

In 2008 Elspeth will be working on: Face-to-face Guidance Pilot for Older Workers, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Phil Sadler *IT Technician*

Phil has been a member of CRSP for nine years and is responsible for the Centre's IT systems and services which includes systems administration, website support, database creation, hardware maintenance, the installation and support of various Microsoft operating systems and software. Phil also provides IT support to staff and students in the Department of Politics, International Relations and European Studies.



Dr Adriana Sandu *Research Associate*

During 2007, Adriana's main research focus was on women's identity and citizenship; globalization, social mobility and migration; and equality and multiculturalism. As part of the EU funded Gendered Citizenship in Multicultural Europe project, Adriana conducted fieldwork in Spain, interviewing women activists in Madrid and Barcelona, exploring the inter-relationships between majority and minority women's movements, their mobilisation, organisation, power and influence on gender policy.

Adriana co-authored one article, reflecting her wider interest on youth culture, multiculturalism and citizenship which is published in the *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, vol. 15, no.3, 307-320, December 2007.

Additionally, Adriana had a few international collaborations. She was invited to present an article based on her dissertation work, at the Centre for Baltic and East European Studies, University College of South Stockholm, in Sweden. This article, *Rules from Above, Views from Below*, is forthcoming in 2008 in an edited volume on *Social Policy in Central and Eastern Europe*, by Nova Science Publishers. Adriana was also a principal investigator for an international study that provides a comprehensive comparison of policy structure, outcomes and care plans for children living in out-of-home care in five countries including Germany, the UK, Spain, Sweden and the Netherlands. This study was commissioned by the German Youth Institute in Munich and it has been used to support the government to reform the foster care system in Germany.

Along with colleagues at CRSP, Adriana will work on a new project in 2008, evaluating the Effectiveness of the New Local Safeguarding Children Boards.



Nicola Selby *Project Administrator*

Nicola has worked at CRSP since 2000. This year Nicola's project administration has focussed on submitting the final reports for the Local Housing Allowance project, arrangements for fieldwork and Project Advisory Group meetings for the project A Minimum Income Standard for Britain, and the organisation and support for two Training and Reporting on European Social Security seminars held at HM Treasury in London.

Personnel changes in the Centre meant that administration of a number of application procedures was required with successful new appointments made.

Nicola is part of the Centre's publicity group which has put together this year's annual report, carried out general publicity throughout the year and had input into submissions for a number of successful Framework bids. She has also been part of the project team exploring the transitions made by people leaving prison in relation to the labour market.

In March 2008 Nicola will be part of the project team exploring the Dynamics of Debt.





Dr Noel Smith *Research Fellow*

Noel has enjoyed another busy, challenging year at CRSP. His review of poverty dynamics research for the JRF reached completion, was published and presented to colleagues across key Government Departments. Also completed for the JRF this year was his work with Liz Sutton on Children's Perceptions of Social Difference. He had the opportunity of presenting this and CRSP's other recent childhood research to Sir Al Aynsley-Green, the Children's Commissioner, during his visit to Loughborough University. Noel's work on accessibility-related social exclusion continued this year in a 'think piece' he produced for the Department for Transport on the potential of individualised travel budgets. However, his main commitment in 2007 has been to working with the team developing a Minimum Income Standard for Britain, and this project will conclude in the new year.

2008 promises to be equally interesting and challenging, with a series of new projects investigating poverty and debt, accessibility planning, and disadvantage and road safety.



Liz Sutton *Research Associate*

Liz joined CRSP in 2001. She has worked on a range of qualitative research projects exploring the lifestyles and living standards of vulnerable groups. Her research interests lie in social exclusion, particularly in relation to children, young people and families. She is also interested in children and young people's participation in society.

During the past year she has completed a participatory research project with children and young people exploring their own perceptions of social difference, inequality and social exclusion and has organised a policy seminar where she presented the findings to policy-makers and practitioners.

This year has also taken Liz to Lisbon where she contributed as an invited 'expert' on young people's participation. She is also involved in a research project exploring how older people plan and use their resources in later life.

Liz's 'outside' interests include running and reading but not at the same time!



Sharon Walker *Office Co-ordinator*

This year Sharon has been involved in putting together various successful Framework tenders. 2008 will see her working with Framework Managers and other research staff to take the Frameworks forward. Sharon has also worked on the Children's Perspectives project and the Gendered Citizenship in Multicultural Europe: The Impact of Contemporary Women's Movements (FEMCIT).

In addition to the FEMCIT project, 2008 will involve arranging the next CRSP Conference and working on two new projects: the Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the New Local Safeguarding Children Boards and the Evaluation of the Impact and Effectiveness of Face-to-face Guidance Provision to Older Workers. Sharon will also continue to work with the CRSP Publicity Group, which is responsible for the production of the CRSP Briefings and Annual Report, as well as a number of other areas.

Dr Amanda Waring *Research Associate*

Amanda has a wide range of research interests including health and wellbeing, sport and fitness, social inclusion and community regeneration. During 2007 these interests have continued to develop through her work on two major evaluations: an Evaluation of the School Sports Partnership Programme and an Evaluation of the New Opportunities for PE and Sport Programme. Throughout the year Amanda has continued to disseminate findings from her doctoral research and presented at the Leisure Studies conference in July 2007. She has also submitted a number of articles including a paper entitled 'Looking the Part: Embodying the Discourse of Organizational Professionalism in the City' which is to be published in *Current Sociology*. In the forthcoming year Amanda will be responsible for disseminating the findings from the research she is currently undertaking and is starting work on a new CRSP project Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the New Local Safeguarding Children Boards in January 2008.

**Grahame Whitfield** *Assistant Director*

Grahame was delighted to be offered the post of Assistant Director at CRSP in late summer 2007. If Grahame's interview day - catching a 5:20am boat from Brittany to Jersey in Force 6 gales, flying to the East Midlands and then having his interview - is anything to go by, he's in for an interesting time! Grahame joined the centre in November 2007 and is already enjoying working in such a highly respected research environment.

Before joining CRSP, Grahame spent almost all his career working in social policy research within Government Departments. Most recently he worked in the Office for Disability Issues on the government report on progress towards delivery of equality for disabled people by 2025. Before this, most of his work related to the conduct of research focussed on how social policy impacts on the lives of disabled people. He has a wide range of research interests but is particularly keen to undertake research in CRSP to ensure policy development and services meet the needs and wishes of disabled people.

In the forthcoming year Grahame will be working on a number of projects, including Dynamics of Debt for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Road User Safety and Disadvantage for the Department for Transport.



Events Attended, Presentations and Visitors to CRSP

CRSP staff attended, and presented at, numerous conferences, seminars and workshops throughout 2007.

Conferences

'ESRC/BA Information Day on Social Science opportunities in the Seventh Framework Programme', 9 February 2007, The Royal Society, London. Attended by Simon Roberts.

'The Age Agenda Conference 2007', 20 February 2007, Radisson SAS Portman Hotel, London. Attended by Katherine Hill.

Westminster Briefing, 'Children and Young People's Services Annual Conference', 24 May 2007, Hilton Hotel, London. Attended by Alan France, Liz Sutton and Amanda Waring.

'A Comprehensive Approach to Evaluating Disability Employment Programmes: Findings from the New Deal for Disabled People', 5 June 2007, HM Treasury, London. Attended by Abigail Davis and Alan France.

'Active Inclusion: Minimum income schemes and the integration of people excluded from the labour market, A Minimum Income Standard for Britain', 15 June 2007, Hotel Bedford, Brussels, European Commission. Presentation by Abigail Davis.

'Youth Culture/s in Europe', 28-29 June 2007, Loughborough University, PIREs. Presentation by Alan France and Adriana Sandu. Attended by Joanne Meredith.

'Whatever Happened to the Leisure Society?', Working Out: Health Club Use and the Creation of a 'Workstyle' Amongst Professional City-Workers' Conference, 3-5 July 2007, Leisure Studies Association, University of Brighton. Presentation by Amanda Waring.

Social Policy Association Annual Conference, 'Maternal Employment and Choice of Formal Child Care in Britain: Evidence from the 2005-2006 Families and Children Study', 23-25 July 2007, Social Policy Association, Birmingham University, Birmingham. Presentation by Yekaterina Chzhen.

'Beyond Blair? The Future of Social and Public Policy' Conference, 21 September 2007, School of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Nottingham, Nottingham. Attended by Viet-Hai Phung.

'Beyond Engagement: Sport, Popular Culture and Social Inclusion' Conference, 26 September 2007, Substance, Bridgewater Hall, Manchester. Attended by Amanda Waring.

'European Criminology Conference, Young People's Perceptions and Experiences of Professional Assessments in Youth Justice and Education' Conference, 26-29 September 2007, Bologna. Presentation by Alan France.

'UP2YOUTH' Conference, 1-4 November 2007, Lisbon. Presentation by Alan France and Liz Sutton.

SRA Annual Conference 'Learning from Others: Innovations in Social Research, A Minimum Income Standard for Britain: Combining Consensual and Normative Methods', 4 December 2007, Brunei Gallery, SOAS, University of London, London. Presentation by Abigail Davis.

Workshops

'Public Attitudes and Communicating UK Poverty' Workshop, 16 May 2007, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Caledonia House, London. Attended by Liz Sutton.

Seminars

Joseph Rowntree Foundation Meeting, 'Health and Resources in Later Life – taking forward a research agenda', 22 January 2007, National Council for Voluntary Organisation, London. Attended by Katherine Hill.

Departmental Seminar, 'Youth Citizenship and the Governance of Inclusion in the UK', 14 February 2007, Social Sciences, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Presentation by Alan France.

'Education and Poverty Day' Seminar, 19 February 2007, Monk Bar Hotel York, Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Attended by Liz Sutton.

trESS Seminar, 20 April 2007. The Treasury, London. Organised by Simon Roberts and Nicola Selby. Presentation by Simon Roberts.

Queen's Anniversary Prize Seminar, Poverty (and Social Exclusion as a consequence), 23 May 2007. Organised by CRSP and CCFR, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Presentation by Sue Middleton and Noel Smith.

Queen's Anniversary Prize Seminar, 'Socially Excluded Children and Young People as 'Other' – Criminalisation, anti-social behaviour and asylum-seeking children', 23 May 2007. Organised by CRSP and CCFR, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Presentation by Alan France.

'Seminar Four: The experiences of specific groups of ex-offenders, the importance of 'social context' and young people's 'voice' in theorising pathways into and out of crime', 31 May 2007, ESRC, Keele University. Presentation by Alan France.

'Evidence and data strategy consultation seminar on Pensions Reform', 7 June 2007, Overseas House London. Attended by Katherine Hill.

'Affording our Old Age: the Role for Equity Release, Social Market Foundation' Policy Seminar, 17 July 2007, Social Market Foundation, London. Attended by Liz Sutton.

'Benefit Uprating and Poverty and Income Inequality', 16 October 2007, London School of Economics, London. Attended by Abigail Davis.

Presentations to Government and other Policy Makers

'Evaluation of the Adult Learning Grant: Early Findings from Cohort 2 Wave 2' 18 January 2007, LSC/DfES, Sheffield. Presentation by Yekaterina Chzhen, Elspeth Pound and Monica Magadi.

ESDS Government, GHS User Meeting/Integrated Household Survey Meeting, 'Neighbourly Relations in Later Life', 29 February 2007, Royal Statistical Society, London. Presentation by Kim Perren.

'Measuring Resources in Later Life: A Review of the Data' and 'Understanding Resources in Later Life: Views and Experiences of Older People' Policy Seminar to mark the report launch, 19 April 2007, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, London. Presentation by Sue Middleton and Katherine Hill. Attended by Liz Sutton.

'Tax Credits Project and FACS Related Issues', 24 April 2007, NatCen, London. Presentation by Yekaterina Chzhen.

'Severe Child Poverty in the UK' report launch, Measuring Severe Child Poverty, 19 June 2007, Department for Work and Pensions and Save the Children, London. Presentation by Sue Middleton and Monica Magadi.

Training Courses

'Getting articles published', 6 March 2007, Professional Development, Library, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Attended by Liz Sutton.

'Recruitment and Selection Course', 19 April 2007, Professional Development, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Attended by Alan France, Janet Harvey and Amanda Waring.

'Participatory Research Approaches', 27 April 2007, Voluntary Resource Centre, London, SRA. Attended by Liz Sutton and Yvette Hartfree.

'FrontPage', 2 May and 16 May 2007, Professional Development, Haslegrave, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Attended by Yekaterina Chzhen.

'Media Training', 8 May 2007, Caledonia House, London, JRF. Attended by Yekaterina Chzhen.

'Non-parametric tests', 9 May 2007, Professional Development, Stewart Mason, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Attended by Yekaterina Chzhen.

'Getting articles published', 18 May 2007, Professional Development, Herbert Manzoni, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Attended by Yekaterina Chzhen.

'Intensive introduction to Atlas ti', 4-5 June 2007, City University London, SdG Associates. Attended by Katherine Hill, Lynne Cox and Liz Sutton.

'Online Research Methods', 28 June 2007, Leicester University, Leicester University/ESRC. Attended by Liz Sutton.

'Building Capacity in Visual Methods. An Introduction to Visual Methods Course', 28-29 June 2007, Leeds Social Science Institute, University of Leeds. Attended by Abigail Davis.

'Library Training', 5 September 2007, Loughborough University Library, Loughborough. Attended by CRSP Staff.

Training Courses Delivered

'Qualitative Analysis: an Introduction to Collecting and Analysing Workshop, Introduction to Collecting Qualitative Data', 5 February 2007, Professional Development, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Presentation by Katherine Hill and Line Nyhagen Predelli.

'MSc Social Research Effective Management, Accessing Vulnerable Groups', 5 February 2007, Professional Development, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Presentation by Liz Sutton.

'Qualitative Analysis: an Introduction to Collecting and Analysing Workshop, Introduction to Analysing Qualitative Data', 12 February 2007, Professional Development, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Presentation by Yvette Hartfree and Abigail Davis.

'MSc Social Research Effective Management, Evaluations Large and Small', 26 February 2007, Professional Development, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Presentation by Abigail Davis.

'MSc Social Research Effective Management, Analysing Qualitative Data', 5 March 2007, Professional Development, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Presentation by Abigail Davis and Yvette Hartfree.

'MSc Social Research Effective Management, Evaluating Proposals', 12 March 2007, Professional Development, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Presentation by Abigail Davis.

Other Events

'BSA and SPA Study Group for the Sociology of Social and Public Policy', 8 January 2007, Palace of Westminster, London. Attended by Amanda Waring.

'International Bibliography for the Social Sciences Steering Committee Meeting', 1 February 2007, London School of Economics, London. Attended by Abigail Davis.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation Project Advisory Group Meeting, 'Young People and Territoriality', 15 February 2007, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, York. Attended by Alan France.

'ARCISS Annual General Meeting', 20 February 2007, National Liberal Club, London. Attended by Alan France and Nigel Billsbrough.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation Project Advisory Group Meeting, 'Tax credits and mini jobs', 1 March 2007, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London. Attended by Yekaterina Chzhen.

'Scottish Executive Committee Meeting', 6 March 2007, House of Commons, London. Attended by Sue Middleton.

Visiting Professor at Sydney University, 8-29 March 2007, Sydney University, Australia. Visiting Professor Alan France.

'Knowledge Transfer Partnerships Meeting', 17 April 2007, Innovation Centre, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Attended by Alan France.

'Family Research Survey User Meeting', 23 April 2007, ESDS Government, Royal Statistical Society, London. Attended by Kim Perren and Monica Magadi.

'Rethink! New Perspectives on Public Spaces', Launch of Research Findings/Conference, 24 April 2007, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, London. Attended by Liz Sutton.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation Project Advisory Group Meeting, 'Tax credits and mini jobs', 23 May 2007, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, London. Attended by Yekaterina Chzhen.

Opening Consultative Meeting UK Longitudinal Household Panel, Consultation Meeting New Household Panel Study, 19 June 2007, Royal Statistical Society, London. Attended by Kim Perren.

Vice Chancellor's Garden Party, 30 June - 1 July 2007, Loughborough University, Loughborough. Attended by Alan France.

Tomorrow's Network Meeting, 'Young People's Attitudes and Values', 24 July 2007, Royal Society, London. Attended by Alan France.

Project Advisory Group Meeting for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's 'Planning and Deploying Resources in Later Life' project, 11 October 2007, London. Presentation by Katherine Hill and Liz Sutton, Attended by Alan France.

Visitors to CRSP

Atkins: Kelly Harris

BMG Research: Karen Kellard

Charnwood Borough Council: Jill Vincent

Department for Work and Pensions: Tony Martin

Deputy Lieutenant of Leicestershire: Freda Hussain

Faber Maunsell: Jeremy Hardin

Family Budget Unit, University of York: Jonathan Bradshaw and Nina Oldfield

Independent Consultant and Writer on Social Policy: Donald Hirsch

Joseph Rowntree Foundation: Chris Goulden

Keele University, Emeritus Professor of Sociology: Gill Jones

Leicester Nuffield Unit: Kay Phelps

Loughborough University, Academic Registry: Jennifer Nutkins

Loughborough University, Department of Human Sciences: Hilary McDermott

Loughborough University, Equal Opportunities: Lesley Mansell

Loughborough University, Health and Safety: Kathy Moore and Rod Harrison

Loughborough University, Widening Participation: Kay Bridges and Liz Robson

National Centre for Social Research (NatCen): Andreas Cebulla

The Prince's Trust: Chris Shaw and Katherine Andrews

University of Sydney: Karin Ishimine



'Karin Ishimine who recently visited CRSP from the University of Sydney presents to the Department of Social Sciences'.

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