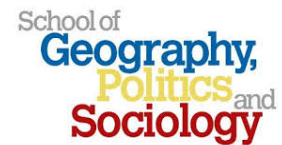




Young People's
politics specialist
group



Call for papers: Youth Matters: Moving from the Margins

June 8-9 Newcastle University
Deadline for abstracts: 4th April 2016

Keynote Speakers:
Rob MacDonald (Teesside University)
Bryony Hoskins (University of Roehampton)

To officially launch Newcastle University's Youth Research Network we are excited to announce our first conference - **Youth Matters: Moving from the Margins** hosted alongside the Political Studies Association's Young People's Politics Specialist Group and Newcastle University's School of Geography, Politics and Sociology.

The conference will facilitate an interdisciplinary conversation on youth by bringing together scholars from multiple fields researching young people's lives and experiences of the social world. We will also explore the methodological, theoretical and epistemological challenges, strategies and innovations in contemporary youth research. To achieve this we will be hosting a hands on pre-conference methods workshop day.

We call for papers that speak to an interdisciplinary audience and will invite discussants to comment on each paper and explore the interdisciplinary links. By establishing links between various fields of youth research, we aim to highlight issues which are often side-lined in both academic and public debates, and move youth research in from the margins.

We invite scholars to send a 250 word abstract for consideration. Please share this call widely in your networks, PGR applications encouraged.

Abstracts are submitted through [this form](#) by **4th April 2016**

Successful applicants will be notified by April 15th.

We encourage, but are not limited to, contributions which engage with the following issues:

1). Economies of Youth

Young people as economic actors; Transitions and establishment in the labour market(s); Entrepreneurship, Education and training; Austerity policies and impact; Night-time economies.

2). Youth Voices & Agency

Engagement and political participation and agency; Youth citizenship and rights; Political education; spaces, Places and strategies for youth engagement and influence; Innovations in youth engagement.

3). Youth Identities, Embodiment & Everyday life

Contemporary experiences of youth; Embodiment and disability; Peer ethics and morality; Imagined futures and adulthoods; Everyday spaces of belonging; Intersectionality; Migrant youth identities.

4). Youth Spaces, Mobilities and Cultures

Young people's mobility in and across contemporary society; Digital and new spaces; Contemporary youth cultures and subcultures; Identity across borders; Informal spaces and encounters.

Registration information:

Submit abstracts [here](#), deadline for abstracts by ****4th April 2016****

Successful abstract applicants will be informed by 15th April 2016

Conference is **free**, but spaces are strictly limited so please register ASAP to guarantee a place. We have fewer spaces for the methods workshop. Due to the limited spaces we will confirm your place by April 15th.

For more details and updates see our [website](#).

PGR bursaries

To ensure the inclusivity of PGR students, we will be reserving one paper on each panel for postgraduate students to present their work.

We also have two travel bursaries of up to £100 for PGRs who are not funded by Research Grant or Scholarship to attend. To apply please send a 500 word supporting statement detailing how you would benefit from the conference and workshop to Emily.rainsford@ncl.ac.uk by 4th April.