WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE CONNECT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK ON INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE

This is our second newsletter to update on our recent events and activities. Since our last newsletter we are delighted to report a steady growth in our membership with new contacts here in the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) to colleagues in Finland. We are keen to hear about any new campaigns, major new research initiatives and opportunities for collaborations, and the best research you have recently read and we can include in our newsletter.

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Recent Events

Lorraine Radford (far right) at the North Wales Safeguarding Children Board Annual Conference. Photograph: Paula Hardy CEO Welsh Women’s Aid, Gerallt Evans, District Chief Crown Prosecutor & Legal Performance Manager Crown Prosecution Service, Lesley Griffiths, AM, Minister for Local Government, Jenny Williams Director of Social Services Conwy and Professor Lorraine Radford.

Inspirational Woman!

On International Women’s Day, 8th March 2014, Connect PhD student Kelly Anne Bracewell was recognised with an 'Inspirational Woman Award' by Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner for her dedication to domestic violence services and her assistance provided to Lancashire County Council in consulting with young people about domestic violence campaigns.

New Research

Professor Nicky Stanley has started work on two new projects:

ESMI is a programme of research examining the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of perinatal mental health services. This five year programme funded by the National Institute for Health Research is led by Professor Louise Howard at King’s College London and Nicky will be working with her and the ESMI team on a qualitative study of women’s views and experiences of perinatal mental health care and on a study examining the effectiveness of services for women with severe mental disorders.

Nicky is also collaborating with Professor Cathy Humphreys at the University of Melbourne on her new study addressing Fathering and Domestic Violence which is funded by the Australian Research Council. The research will be run in partnership with a range of organisations in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.
Selected Recent Publications


Recent Events & Conference Contributions

◊ Prof. Radford - World Health Organization, 6th Milestones of a Global Campaign for Violence Prevention meeting, Mexico.
◊ Prof Radford - the Sexual Violence Research Initiative Global Conference In Bangkok, Thailand.

Forthcoming International Events & Conference Contributions. We are attending the following events if anyone want to make contact:

♦ Lorraine Radford –‘Sexual Offences Indaba’ 36 Degrees Against Sexual Offences, Johannesburg, South Africa, June 24-27th 2014.
♦ Lorraine Radford ‘Domestic Violence, Coercive Control and ‘Risky Parenting’ XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, July 13-19th 2014.
♦ Nicky Stanley XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, July 13-19th 2014.

New PhD Students

Connect welcomes the addition of new PhD Students:

♦ Lynda Shental working on Violence Against Women and HIV. Dr Chantler, DoS.
♦ Valerie Wise working on Evaluation of domestic violence interventions to reduce trauma and aid psychological recovery. Dr McCarry, DoS.
♦ Victoria Baker working on Child to Parent violence. Prof Radford, DoS.

Behind Closed Doors, Belfast, 2014. Professor Nicky Stanley (fourth from right) delighted to give keynote address.
**Guest Seminars**

**Thangham Debbonaire**

*‘Domestic Violence and the Political Agenda: looking back and looking forward’*

National Research Manager at Respect, the UK organisation for work with domestic violence perpetrators and with male victims. Thangham has 25 years of experience at local, national and international levels of working to end domestic violence and other gender-based violence and to promote gender equality.

◊ Wednesday 25th June 4-5.30pm. Brook Room 8, UCLan, Preston.

Book a place: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/domestic-violence-and-the-political-agenda-looking-back-looking-forward-tickets-11461149607](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/domestic-violence-and-the-political-agenda-looking-back-looking-forward-tickets-11461149607)

**Dr Christine Barter**

*‘Online and offline forms of intimate partner violence in young people’s relationships: Initial findings from the first European survey’*

NSPCC Senior Research Fellow, University of Bristol. Christine has published widely on a range of children’s welfare issues. Christine’s most recent work has focused on the issue of peer violence including violence in teenage relationships, undertaking the first UK wide study in this area. Her work has attracted substantial media, policy and practice attention.

◊ Wednesday 2nd July 4-5.30pm. Brook Room 447, UCLan, Preston.

◊ Book a place: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/connect-centre-seminar-online-offline-forms-of-intimate-partner-violence-tickets-11568308121](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/connect-centre-seminar-online-offline-forms-of-intimate-partner-violence-tickets-11568308121)

Both events are free and all welcome to attend but places are limited so please book early.

**Guest Visitors**

We are delighted to be hosting **Younis Arbaoui**, Research Fellow, from Vrije University, Amsterdam. Younous is working alongside Dr. Khatidja Chantler on issues of forced marriage and asylum. He will be at Uclan from April to the end of June 2014. Younis is giving a seminar presentation on Wednesday 4th June, 12-1pm, room HA226, Harrington Building, Preston. Book a place: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/connect-centre-seminar-the-myth-of-fraudulent-parenthood-tickets-11504396961](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/connect-centre-seminar-the-myth-of-fraudulent-parenthood-tickets-11504396961)

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**Funded Research Opportunity for Early Career Researchers**

The Connect Centre is delighted to announce an exiting new partnership with the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa and funded by the British Council. An International Workshop is to be held in March 2015 at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa led by Ingrid Palmary, African Centre for Migration & Society (ACMS), School of Social Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand, and Nicky Stanley, Connect Centre. This workshop will bring together about 40 researchers from across the UK and South Africa to identify differences and commonalities in the conditions informing violence to women and children in the two countries. This New Researcher Seminar Series will fund up to 20 early career researchers to travel to South Africa. We will shortly announce a call for abstracts.

**NEW RESEARCH REPORT**


**Further Details and Information**

If you want to join our Connect Network contact Lorraine Radford for further details. Membership is free and open to all who share our values and interests in doing and using research to end interpersonal violence. Connect welcomes applications for researchers in the UK and overseas interested in postgraduate study for MPhil or PhDs in the area of interpersonal violence. To talk informally about the benefits of PhD study at Connect contact Lorraine Radford lradford@uclan.ac.uk

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