This is first newsletter of 2015 to update on our recent events and activities. 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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The Connect Centre saw a very successful start to this year’s seminar series, opening on January 28 with Rebecca Dudley, Queens University Belfast, and her great seminar on Domestic Violence and Women with no Recourse to Public Funds. All seminars were well attended by a wide audience. Thank you to all of our speakers and attendees (see page 4 for upcoming seminars).

On 22nd October Nancy Lombard, Reader in Sociology and Social Policy, Glasgow Caledonian University, presented: **Because they’re a couple she should do what he says: Young People’s justifications of violence: heterosexuality, gender and adulthood**

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David Gadd and Nicky Stanley post a very successful and well-attended Connect Seminar.

A Christmas special seminar on 9th December, complete with mince pies, welcomed Sylvia Walby presenting: **Measuring the cost of gender-based violence**

Sylvia Walby is Distinguished Professor of Sociology and UNESCO Chair in Gender Research, Lancaster University, UK. She is currently advising on the cost of gender-based violence for the UK Home Office and the European Institute for Gender Equality, drawing on earlier work for the UK Women and Equality Unit, *The Cost of Domestic Violence* (2004).

Sylvia is pictured (third from left) with her colleague, Philippa Olive (second from right) and the Connect Centre team.
New Research

Lorraine Radford and Melanie McCurry are working on two new research projects on early intervention to safeguard children living with domestic violence. *Step Up - Building the Evidence Base for Early Intervention Responses for Children Living With Domestic Abuse* is funded by the ESRC under the Early Intervention Foundation research programme. Over the next four years we will be working with services in Blackpool to improve early intervention responses for children under the age of 16. *Safer Together* aims to assess early intervention responses for mothers and children in the North West.

Khatidja Chantler is conducting a qualitative study exploring men’s experiences of being pressurised to marry, impact on relationships, help-seeking and coping styles. Participants are currently being recruited and further details of the study are available at [http://www.uclan.ac.uk/schools/social_work/assets/Male_victims_of_FM_Poster.pdf](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/schools/social_work/assets/Male_victims_of_FM_Poster.pdf)

Melanie McCurry is researching the use of mobile phones in sexual exploitation.

Forthcoming International Events & Conference Contributions

Come along and join people from Connect who will be presenting at the following events in 2015:

Members of Connect are presenting three Symposia (on the PIECES study, on Coercive Control, on the STIR research) and one workshop on RESPONDS at the BASPCAN Congress at the University of Edinburgh April 13th to 15th 2015.

Domestic Violence Conference, Kings College London, May 15th

International Workshop on Violence Against Women & Children in Diverse Contexts - March 2015

Connect Centre researchers, together with colleagues from the University of the Witwatersrand, are leading this four-day workshop in Johannesburg. British Council funding has enabled us to take 20 UK researchers to South Africa for this event and we will be exchanging research findings and ideas with 20 South African researchers. We are looking forward to an exciting and stimulating trip!

Selected Recent Publications


Saini, P., While, D., Chantler, K., Windfuhr, K. and Kapur, N. (2014) ‘Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk in Primary Care’, *Crisis* pp 1-11,

Recent Events & Conference Contributions

Professor Lorraine Radford, gave two keynote speeches in Southern Africa, at the National Prosecution Authority 6th Sexual Offences Indaba in Johannesburg, July 2014 and, pictured, at the UNICEF Global Conference on Violence Against Children in Swaziland, May 2014

Professor Lorraine Radford also:
- presented a paper on children and violence and a paper on risk and parenting at the International Sociological Association Conference in Nagoya, Japan July 2014.
- joined colleagues from the USA and Switzerland on a panel on Researching Strengths at the International Association of Applied Psychology, Paris, July 2014.
- presented a paper to the Royal College of Paediatricians/General Practitioners Annual Safeguarding Children conference in July 2014.
- presented a keynote paper on effective child protection responses and sexual abuse at UNICEF’s Eastern and Central Europe Regional Conference in Minsk, Belarus in November 2014.

Melanie McCarry presented a paper on young people and intimate partner abuse at the International Conference on Family Violence, University of New Hampshire USA in July 2014.

Professor Nicky Stanley:
- presented an invited paper on Engaging with violent men at the University of Okayama, Japan in September 2014.
- presented a keynote address on multi agency working and domestic violence at the Children and Law Conference opened by Lord Justice Mumby in Preston in December 2014.
- delivered the Len Tierney Memorial Lecture at the University of Melbourne in November 2014.

Professor Nicky Stanley and Professor Lorraine Radford presented research findings from the PEACH study, RESPONDS study and UNICEF work on child sexual abuse and sexual exploitation at the ISPCAN World Congress in Japan in September 2014.
Upcoming Guest Seminars:

Dr Emma Katz, Liverpool Hope University, New Perspectives on Mother-Child Relationships and Domestic Violence and Abuse: Mothers and Children as 'Recovery-Promoters', Children's Agency and the Bilateral Model.
1st April 2015

Professor Nicole Westmarland, University of Durham, is presenting a seminar on the Mirabel project evaluating the impact of domestic violence perpetrator programmes in the UK
3rd June 2015.

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

2016... Catherine Donovan, Professor of Social Relations, from the University of Sunderland will be presenting on 3rd February 2016.

New PhD Students
Connect welcomes the new PhD Student:
Chinyere Ajayi, who is studying child sexual exploitation and BME communities.

Guest Visitors
The Connect Centre hosted a visit from five senior academics from Osaka and Hokkaido Universities in Japan, working on safeguarding and education.

Professors Masako Okamoto, Junko Hishida , Ani Nakayama, Hitomi Nii & Michelle La Fay visited UCLAN and some of our partner projects in November 2014.

Welcome to new research officer Emily Yeend who joined the Step Up project in January 2015.

Farewell and good luck to Dr Joanne Westwood who joined the University of Stirling in September 2014.

The Connect team is sorry that Jane Ellis’ work has ended now the PEACH study is completed. We wish her well in her new post at Anglia Ruskin University. The photo below shows Jane at a farewell dinner with Nicky Stanley.

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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
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