Welcome to the August 2017 edition of the Connect Centre newsletter. 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. Please send to: lradford@uclan.ac.uk

NETWORKING EVENT

The Connect Centre held a very lively networking event at UCLan on 4 April 2017. As well as Connect Centre staff and research students, researchers from the School of Health, the School of Forensic and Applied Sciences, the School of Psychology and the School of Management attended. The PechaKucha format was used to deliver short presentations on a range of current research projects and these can be accessed on the Connect Centre website at: [http://www.uclan.ac.uk/research/explore/groups/connect_centre_int_research_new_approaches_prevent_violence_harm.php](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/research/explore/groups/connect_centre_int_research_new_approaches_prevent_violence_harm.php)

International Seminar on Domestic Homicide

The Connect Centre, in conjunction with Queen’s University Belfast, organised a very successful international seminar on domestic homicide in Belfast on 12 June 2017, attracting a wide audience including academics, practitioners and policy makers. Over a hundred international delegates attended and papers were delivered by speakers from Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway and the UK. The Connect Centre presented a paper on ‘Where are the Children in Domestic Homicide Reviews?’. Pictured: Back row L-R - Frank Mullane, AAFDA; Margaret Martin, Women’s Aid Ireland; Eva Alisic, Monash University; John Devaney, QUB, Front row L-R - Jan Melia, Women’s Aid Federation Northern Ireland; Davina James-Hanman, DHR Chair and Reviewer; Nicky Stanley, Connect Centre; Nicola Sharp-Jeffs, London Metropolitan University
Connect Centre Seminars

We have welcomed a number of speakers to the Connect Centre seminars held so far in 2017.

The Lived Realities and Experiences of Black Children affected by Abuse and Neglect
In March Professor Claudia Bernard, Goldsmiths, University of London presented a seminar on the experiences of Black children affected by abuse and neglect.

HIV and Domestic Abuse
Lynda Shentall, a doctoral student in the Connect Centre gave a presentation in May on her work ‘Women living at the intersection of domestic abuse and HIV’. Pictured right, from left to right are: Rachel Robbins, Lynda Shentall, Khatidja Chantler, Alastair Roy.

Professor Liz Kelly
Liz Kelly CBE, Professor of Sexualised Violence, London Metropolitan University, Director of the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU), Ruddick Chair of Violence Against Women, gave a seminar for the Connect Centre in June on the history of thinking about child sexual abuse, *Steps forwards, backwards and sideways: reflecting on thirty years engagement with child sexual abuse*. Pictured with Liz are from left to right: Christine Barter, Khatidja Chantler, Vicky Baker, Lorraine Radford, Rachel Robbins, Liz Kelly and Nicky Stanley.

Doing Prevention Research in Primary Schools
Nicola Farrelly a PhD student at the Connect Centre, presented her doctoral research in the July seminar. Pictured right are Christine Barter, Nicola Farrelly, Nicky Stanley and Rachel Robbins.

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS - AUTUMN 2017
Wednesday 11th October, 4-5.30pm: Professor Marianne Hester, University of Bristol (to be confirmed)
Wednesday 8th November, 4-5.30pm: Dr Amanda Holt, Roehampton University ‘Child’ to Parent Violence’
For details of all seminars and to book please contact: Yvonne Bembridge, Connect Centre Administrator: *YBembridge@uclan.ac.uk*.

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry
On June 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} Lorraine Radford and Christine Barter attended the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry to present findings from their research into the prevalence and nature of the abuse of children in care from 1930 to 2014. Lorraine presented findings on what is known about the current and past rates of prevalence of child abuse globally, in the UK and in Scotland. Christine presented findings on what is known about the current and past rates of prevalence of the abuse of children and young people in residential care, including in foster care globally, in the UK and in Scotland. Lorraine and Christine answered questions on the research evidence from the Inquiry counsel and the Chair, Lady Anne Smith. The findings from the research will be used to inform the Inquiry’s work which will be ongoing for another 3 years. The research report: *Radford, L. Barter, C. Dodd, S. Stanley, N. & Ahklaq, A. (2017) The abuse of children in care in Scotland : a research review for the Scottish Government Inquiry into Child Abuse Edinburgh : Scottish Government* can be downloaded from the Inquiry website at: *https://www.childabuseinquiry.scot/media/1211/prevalence-of-abuse-in-scotland-professor-lorraine-radford.pdf*
Members of the Connect Centre attended the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) in April and again in July to present findings from their research. This was a review commissioned by the Inquiry to inform their work. This research was led by Lorraine Radford working with Helen Richardson-Foster, Christine Barter and Nicky Stanley. The Inquiry hearings were chaired by Baroness Jay and attended by members of the Inquiry panel, representatives from survivors’ groups, sexual violence services and members of the public. The proceedings were live streamed on the internet and full transcripts of the discussions, recordings and the publications are available on the IICSA website.

The full report and summary can be found at https://www.iicsa.org.uk/research-seminars/preventing-and-responding-child-sexual-abuse-learning-best-practice-overseas also on this page are videos and slides from the April seminar sessions.

In the July seminar sessions Lorraine Radford presented ‘Victims’ and survivors’ experiences: impacts, support needs and support services. The videos will be appearing on the IICSA website soon. The agenda, transcripts and slides from this session is available at: https://www.iicsa.org.uk/research-seminars/victims-and-survivors%E2%80%99-experiences-impacts-

The Connect Centre are delighted to announce that a special issue of the international journal, Psychology of Violence, edited by Nicky Stanley and John Devaney was published in July. The special issue addresses the theme: ‘Gender Based Violence: Evidence from Europe’ and includes a wide range of papers which were delivered at the First European Conference on Domestic Violence held in Belfast in 2015. Papers in this special issue address a range of interesting topics including: young people’s experience of IPA on and off-line (Barter et al 2017); implementing the Bystander Approach in Europe (Fenton & Mott 2017); male victims of DVA (Hester et al 2017; du Puy et al 2017) and Intimate partner Homicide in Norway (Vatnar et al 2017). The Connect Centre team are looking forward to the forthcoming 11th European Conference on Domestic Violence in Porto in September.

Developing Practice: working with families and children experiencing domestic abuse

In February and March 2017, the Connect Centre successfully ran a module in partnership with Blackburn Darwen Borough Council. This was attended by 23 practitioners from statutory and third sector organisations across the Blackburn area, as well as CPD and integrated masters students. The course is designed to support research into practice in the sensitive areas of domestic violence and abuse within child and adult safeguarding and looks at a range of issues tailored to local need.

If you are interested in similar CPD training for yourself or your workforce, please contact Rachel Robbins on rrobbins1@uclan.ac.uk. Attendance can be used for HCPC registration requirements.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

CONFERENCES

Members of the Connect Centre attended and presented papers on their research at the 2nd International Conference on Interpersonal Violence Interventions at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, from 14th-16th June 2017.

Papers covered: adolescent to parent abuse (Vicky Baker), online abuse (Christine Barter), comparison of offline and online IPV in five European countries (Christine Barter), coercive control and forced marriage (Khatidja Chantler), early help for children and domestic violence (Lorraine Radford), domestic violence and adult safeguarding (Rachel Robbins), pornography (Nicky Stanley), the use of media campaigns with young people to prevent IPV (Nicky Stanley) and recommendations from the IMPROVE study (Nicky Stanley).

Pictured top right - Christine Barter, above left - Vicky Baker.

Khatidja Chantler was a keynote speaker at the Methodist conference on safeguarding in January 2017 where she presented on abuse in church based settings. She had the pleasure of meeting Revd Helen Cameron, Assistant Secretary of the Methodist Conference and Bishop Peter Hancock, the Church of England’s lead bishop on safeguarding.

PhD Success

Kelly Bracewell was awarded her PhD at UClan’s Graduation Ceremony in July for her groundbreaking study: ‘Teenagers’ Experiences of Domestic Violence Refuges’. The briefing paper Kelly has produced from her research is at http://clok.uclan.ac.uk/19629/ and you can contact her on: KABracewell1@uclan.ac.uk

Pictured celebrating with her supervision team, from left to right: Prof Nicky Stanley, Dr Kelly Bracewell, Dr Cath Larkins & Prof Lorraine Radford.

CONNECT WITH THE CONNECT CENTRE

Membership of our Connect Network is free and open to all who share our values and interests in doing and using research to end interpersonal violence. Connect welcomes applications from those interested in postgraduate study for MPhil or PhDs in the area of interpersonal violence. Email lradford@uclan.ac.uk to be added or removed from the mailing list.

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