Welcome to the March 2018 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

II European Conference on Domestic Violence, Porto

Members of the Connect Centre attended the second European Conference on Domestic Violence at the University of Porto, Portugal. Two journal Special Issues will be coming out of the conference. The Journal of Gender Based Violence will have a Special Issue on Domestic Violence: European Perspectives edited by Lorraine Radford and Marceline Naudi.

The Connect Centre team and PhD students - pictured from left to right: Kelly Bracewell, Paul Hargreaves, Lorraine Radford, Khatidja Chantler, Rachel Robbins, Nicola Farrelly, Nicky Stanley and Christine Barter.

CONNECT WITH THE CONNECT CENTRE

If you want to join our Connect Network please 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 from those 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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http://www.uclan.ac.uk/research/explore/groups/connect_centre_int_research_new_approaches_prevent_violence_harm.php
By Bystander Intervention

Colleagues at the Connect Centre, other staff from the School of Social Work, Care and Community as well as colleagues from other schools, led by Dr Khatidja Chantler are piloting and evaluating the UWE bystander intervention to prevent sexual harassment and violence in three schools at UCLAN: Social Work, Sport and Medicine. These schools were selected as they have very different student demographics and will enable us to test who the intervention works for and what changes might be necessary for the diverse student populations at UCLAN – and potentially more widely.

We have just completed the programme in Social Work and are using learning from that to make changes for future delivery. Dr Khatidja Chantler presented early reflections on the Bystander intervention in February at The Royal Academy of Dutch Language and Literature (KANTL): Managing, Researching, and Enabling Respectful Sexual Conduct in Higher Education, organised by ANSER and INSEP. Pictured right is Dr Khatidja Chantler with Dr Pam Alldred at KANTL. We are delighted that Pam will be giving our May Seminar.

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Connect Centre Seminars

We have enjoyed more presentations in our seminar series in the latter half of 2017.

Child to Parent Violence
Dr Amanda Holt from the University of Roehampton, gave a presentation in November on ‘Fatal and non-fatal violence against parents’.

Men and Domestic Abuse
Professor Marianne Hester, Chair in Gender, Violence and International Policy, University of Bristol gave a well attended presentation in October on ‘Men and Domestic Abuse’.

The centre hosted a whole day of events in December. A lunchtime event for Connect Centre PhD students was followed by the afternoon seminar which was given by Connect Centre staff on their recently completed studies.

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Conferences

Professor Lorraine Radford and colleagues in the European Child Abuse and Neglect research group (EuroCAN) presented a pre-conference workshop on Child Maltreatment: a Public Health Perspective. Half way to 2020, where are we now? at the 10th European Public Health Conference, Stockholm, Sweden in November 2017. Pictured (below) at the event are, left to right, back row Professor Ronan Lyons, Swansea University, Dr Dinesh Sethi, World Health Organisation Europe, Dr Ulugbek Normatov & Professor Alison Kemp, Cardiff University, Dr Aideen Naughton, Public Health Wales. Front row, left to right: Professor Lorraine Radford, UCLAN, Stephen Lucas, Uppsala University, Bjørn Brunborg, Head on Implementation Incredible Years, Norway.

In November 2017, Professor Lorraine Radford was invited to take part in a global engagement meeting of researchers, policy makers and practitioners in Delhi, hosted by UKRC and the Newton Foundation. Approximately 100 researchers from across the world and from a variety of different subject disciplines attended. The purpose was to build networks and identify priorities for future transdisciplinary research themes.

Shared Roadmap for System Change: Transforming the Response to Women and Girls who have experienced domestic abuse

Professor Nicky Stanley and colleagues in the Connect Centre have been awarded a contract to undertake the national evaluation of two major projects on domestic violence and abuse being undertaken by Women’s Aid and SafeLives who are working in partnership and funded by the Big Lottery Fund. The innovative multi-site programmes are testing different approaches to responding to women and girls experiencing domestic abuse and seeking to influence change at local and systemic levels. Dr Kelly Bracewell and Dr Helen Richardson Foster are the Research Associates working on this study alongside Dr Christine Barter, Dr Khatidja Chantler, Dr Rachel Robbins and Professor Lorraine Radford. Two PhD students, Althea Cribb and Rachel Close, will also work on the study. The evaluation team includes Dr Emma Howarth from the University of Cambridge and Professor Rhiannon Tudor Edwards and Eira Winrow from Bangor University.
NEW RESEARCH
Professor Lorraine Radford, Dr Helen Richardson Foster and Dr John Devaney (University of Edinburgh) have received funding from the NSPCC to write a review of the evidence on interventions with fathers and pre-school children to prevent the intergenerational transmission of domestic violence.

NEW PHD STUDENT
The Connect centre are delighted to welcome Paige Hodgson, our new PhD student who started in October 2017 and is working on sexual harassment in universities as part of the wider Canadian SSHRC funded study: IMPACTS: Collaborations to Address Sexual Violence on Campus on which Dr Khatidja Chantler is a co-applicant. Her supervisory team is Dr Khatidja Chantler (DoS), Dr Christine Barter and Dr Rachel Robbins.

NEW PUBLICATIONS
Chantler, K., Gangoli, G and Thiara, R. (in press) Muslim Women and Gender based Violence, Critical Social Policy

Royal College of Psychiatrists Conference
Dr Christine Barter (pictured above) was an invited key note speaker at the Royal College of Psychiatrists December Conference ‘Let’s talk about sex...women and their mental health’. Her presentation was entitled ‘Young Women’s Experiences of Sexual Violence and Implications for their Mental Health’.