

Programme

- 9:00 Registration and Refreshments
- 9:25 Welcome and Introduction
- 9:40 Keynote Speakers - *Jeremy Cripps and Jess Leighton*
- 10:20 **The Case for Engaging with Children and Young People:**
- “You’re Welcome: Who Gains”*
(Mandy Cheetham, Durham University)
- “Children’s Rights Unit”*
(Nick Brereton, Newcastle City Council)
- “Participatory Research in Schools”*
(Tamlynn Fleetwood, Durham University PhD Candidate)
- 11:15 **Workshop A**
- 12:15 **Lunch**
- 13:15 **Workshop B**
- 14:20 **Workshop C**
- 15:20 **Refreshments**
- 15:35 **Feedback and Closing Remarks - Guest Speakers**
- 16:30 **Close**

Keynote speakers:

Jeremy Cripps is Chief Executive of Children North East, a 120 year old local charity that promotes the rights of children and young people; and counters the effects of inequality on them, their families and communities. This year the charity worked with 1,200 children and young people to take photographs about poverty in all 12 north east local authorities. Emerging themes and images from the project will be showcased at a national conference about child poverty at the Sage Gateshead on 23rd November 2011.

Jess Leighton is Chair of Gateshead Youth Assembly and has been a champion in a range of projects aimed at promoting issues of importance for young people and involving them in decision-making. Jess is Gateshead Young Person of the Year 2011 and becomes Head Girl at Emmanuel College in September.

Engaging Children and Young People in Research



King’s Road Centre, Newcastle University

Monday 24th October 2011

9.00am-4.30pm

Workshops

Workshop A: 12:15 to 13:15

A1: Social Media for Beginners (practical session for beginners)

Facilitator: Beacon NE

A practical introduction for those who are unfamiliar with such social media platforms as Facebook or Twitter. If you're interested in understanding the range of engagement opportunities, vehicles and resources that exist online, come along to this informal and creative session – no experience necessary.

A2: Youth Participation – ‘How Do We Achieve Effective Practice’

Facilitator: Regional Youth Work Unit

An interactive session where participants will have the opportunity to explore the benefits of youth participation as well as look at models of participation and the key value and principles of working with young people.

A3: Introduction to Researching with Young People

Facilitator: Investing in Children

This session will be led by young people experienced in taking part in research projects, supported by Rob Smith Johnson from Investing in Children.

A4: Models of Youth Engagement

Facilitator: Gateshead Youth Council

Members of this local Youth Council will be highlighting the different ways in which Gateshead engages with young people, talking about how it feels to be engaged in conversations about local life and sharing why they feel it is important.

Workshop B: 13:15 to 14:15

B1: WWW DOT: Where, When and Why we should use Social Media

Facilitator: Beacon NE

This interactive session focuses on how to use social media to enhance youth engagement activities. Participants will gain skills to connect and collaborate with others, including other practitioners as well as the general public. By the end of the session you will have an understanding of how to use and integrate social media platforms and will have shared insights into the benefits, pitfalls and suitability of social media to engage young audiences.

B2: Voices that matter: researching with children and young people

Facilitator: Barnado's

This workshop will explore the work that Barnado's has done in involving children and young people in research on critical contemporary issues.

B3: Child Poverty – definitely not a thing of the past

Facilitator: Children North East

This session will explore how photography can be used to engage children and young people. A recent region-wide project using disposable cameras run by Children North East has engaged over 1300 young people in documenting their lives and the role that poverty, inequality and disadvantage play in their day to day experiences.

B4: Working with young people to take your work from good to great!

Facilitator: Young Advisors

Young Advisors are young people typically aged between 15 and 21, who stimulate social action by showing community leaders and decision makers how to engage young people in community life, local decision-making and improving services. Our workshop will help to give examples of Young Advisors involvement in research as well as some great practical methods for engaging young people in consultations.

Workshop C: 14:20 to 15:20

C1: Young People as Evaluators and Advisors of Service Delivery

Facilitator: Integrated Youth Support Service, Hartlepool Borough Council

Representatives of Hartlepool Young Inspectors and Youth Advisory team will share their experiences as Inspectors; the benefits to both themselves and the services involved. The young people will describe how their work has evolved into research and evaluation of programmes, including being deliverers of council led consultations with young people. This workshop will demonstrate the success of investing the right resources to support young people from the start, and recognising and rewarding young people's valuable contribution.

C2: Youth Leadership

Changemakers is a youth charity which works to unlock the leadership potential of young people. Our unique model offers a year long programme of training, coaching, peer support and real world leadership experiences for young people, helping them become more aware of and better able to harness their leadership potential. This interactive and fun session is a chance to learn more about Changemakers and the opportunities we offer for you as organisations and your young people. In particular this session will focus on how to engage young leaders within your organisation.

C3: Who's Clever Now? Science Communication with Young People

Facilitator: Centre for Life

An important concept to keep in mind when communicating science is that nothing you do is about how clever you are, it is about how clever your audience is. When working with young people, boosting self esteem and helping participants see themselves in a different light is all the more important and far more rewarding than you being the 'expert'. Come along to this session to learn more about how to communicate science to young people.