Youth Matters 2016: Moving from the Margins

Location: Percy Building, Newcastle University, NE1 7RU (Building 23 on Campus map)

Thursday, 9th June, 2016

8.30 a.m.  Registration - Percy Building

9.00 a.m.  Welcome – Prof William Maloney, Head of Geography, Politics and Sociology, and Dr Emily Rainsford, Newcastle University
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9.15 a.m.  Keynote Address - Prof Rob MacDonald, Teesside University
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‘(Mis)understanding youth unemployment: lessons from the Teesside Studies of Youth Transitions and Social Exclusion’

9.45 a.m.  Panel 1 - Young People and Work 1: Precarious employment
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‘Progress into employment’, Dr Stuart Agnew
‘Youth, class & precarity in the ‘Missing Middle’, Katy McEwan
‘Looking into the black box: An exploration of the dynamics behind the success and failure of skills training programmes for unemployed youth’, Verena Bruer
Discussant: Dr Gráinne McMahon, University of Huddersfield

Panel 2 - Being and Belonging
Percy Building, G5
‘Overlapping bubbles of studenthood: transitions to, through and beyond university’, Dr Grace Sykes
‘How do those living on the margins attempt to make their way back to the centre?’, Harry Pettit
‘The embodied and relational citizenship of disabled young people’, Prof Janice McLaughlin
‘Becoming a citizen in Zambia: negotiating the ambiguity of the childhood to adult transition’, Dr Caroline Day
Discussant: Dr Sarah Mills, Loughborough University

11.15 a.m.  Coffee Break - Percy Building, G10

11.30 a.m.  Panel 3 - Young People and Work 2: Austerity
Percy Building, G13
‘Social inequalities in Rural Britain: Impacts on young people post-2008’, Dr Niki Black, Dr Karen Scott and Prof Mark Shucksmith
‘Changing the future? Young people’s aspirations and views of the future during times of austerity’, Dr Michela Franeschelli
‘Training to fail? Middling kids in an hourglass economy’, Beverly Brozsely
‘Mapping pathways, understanding transitions: Young people’s movement between education and employment in the two years after compulsory schooling’, Becky Holloway
Discussant: Prof Anoop Nayak, Newcastle University
11.30 a.m.  **Panel 4 – Young People and Media**

Percy Building, G5

‘There are two sides to every story: young people’s perspectives of relationship issues on social media and appropriate responses’, Dr Simon Edwards

‘Young women online: political and social participation and activism’, Dr Gráinne McMahon

‘The sonic performance of youth voice on the airwaves’, Dr Catherine Wilkinson

‘Sexually active: young people, sexting and gendered digital mobilities’, Dr Annalise Weckesser

Discussant: Dr Megan Armstrong, Newcastle University

1.00 p.m.  **Lunch** - Percy building G10

2.00 p.m.  **Panel 5 - Risky Encounters**

Percy Building, G13

‘This is abuse: The role of young voices in designing research on attitudes and abuse’, Ceryl Davies

‘Spaces of encounter and avoidance: young people navigating everyday life in N.I.’, Aimee Smith

‘”In our class they’re just horrid, they call everyone a slag”. Student sexism and harassment in Further Education’, Catt Turney

‘Youth voices in research – participatory research with children in custody’, Dr Felicity Shenton

Discussant: Dr Ruth Lewis, Northumbria University

**Panel 6 - Political Participation**

Percy Building, G5

‘How deep is the divide? Generational differences in British Democracy’, Dr Sioned Pearce and Dr Stuart Fox

‘Youth, austerity politics and culture shift: Has the global downturn triggered the demise of post materialism?’, Prof Matt Henn

‘There is nothing sacred about the age of 18: Policy learning and the Representation of the People Act 1969’, Dr Andrew Mycock

‘Caring but not committed: the social production of political non participation among UK students’, Dr Alexander Hensby

Discussant: Prof Bryony Hoskins, University of Roehampton

3.30 p.m.  **Coffee Break** - Percy building, G10

3.45 p.m.  **Young People present their experience of participating in research alongside Dr Jill Clarke and Karen Laing, University of Newcastle**

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‘Involving young people in research: Learning from their experiences’

4.00 p.m.  **Keynote Address - Prof Bryony Hopkins, University of Roehampton**

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‘Tackling inequalities in political socialisation: A systematic analysis of access and effectiveness towards learning citizenship at school’

5.00 p.m.  **Concluding remarks – Dr Emily Rainsford, Newcastle University**

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