

Young People, Resilience and Well-being: Issues for Youth and Community Practice

Tuesday 15th May, 2018: 12.00am-4.00pm

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Welcome to this Policy and Practice Seminar hosted by the University of South Wales, at Newport City campus (For directions and parking arrangements, please click [here](#)). The Professional Association of Lecturers in Youth and Community Work is funding a series of free, national, collaborative 'Policy and Practice' seminars around the UK of which this is the third in the series of nine national events. The aim of these seminars is to foster greater levels of collaboration between higher education institutions and practice agencies in the profiling of challenges and opportunities facing youth and community work policy and practice across the UK. We look forward to engaging with you throughout the day and exploring the outcomes with a view to future collaborations and partnerships.

Timing	Session	Session Information/Presenters
12.30	Registration: the Exhibition Space (ground floor, just off reception)	Refreshments Including light lunch
1.00pm	Welcome (Room A10 - Adjacent to the Exhibition Space)	Emma Chivers (USW) Sheila Curran (TAG:PALYCW)
1.10pm	Setting the Scene	Mick Conroy (USW)/Emma Chivers (USW)
1.20pm	What is the well-being debate?: theoretical context and some questions for youth policy and youth work practice	Professor Steve Smith (USW)
1.40pm	'Youth Work: Young people, Wellbeing and Resilience'	Jo Sims (Principal Youth Officers Group)
2.00pm	'Young People, Resilience and Well- being – A Youth Justice Approach'.	Dusty Kennedy Director of Youth Justice Board (YJB) Cymru
2.20pm	Refreshment Break	Tea and coffee available in the Exhibition Space
2.40pm	'Stronger Families for Safer Communities' – Youth Work approach within Housing	Samantha Howells (Charter Housing)
3.00pm	Creating an ACE aware youth workforce for Wales	Laura Tranter (NHS Wales)

3.20pm	Panel Discussion Reflections; Questions and Responses	Presenters and Hosts / Delegates
3.40pm	Closing Remarks and Next Steps	Emma Chivers (USW)
4.00pm	Seminar Closes	Delegates are welcome to remain and network

Seminar Presenters:

Professor Steve Smith – University of South Wales



Steve Smith has published in a variety of settings in the areas of political philosophy and social policy, including book-length research monographs, edited collections, journal articles, book chapters, and commissioned reports. His present research interests include examining different conceptions of well-being; the social values of social justice and fairness in relation to egalitarian theory and political practice; and the role of co-production in the formulation and implementation of social policy in various care settings.

Joanne Sims – Manager, Blaenau Gwent Youth Service



Jo Sims has worked within the Youth Service and Youth Sector for 20 years. After graduating from university, she worked in Russia as an English teacher, then returned home to initially volunteer and later work as a youth worker in Newport Youth Service. The role involved piloting and developing school based youth work and emotional literacy programmes and worked as both a detached youth worker and centre based across Newport. Later, she worked as a Senior Youth Worker in a voluntary sector youth project in the centre of

Merthyr Tydfil. She developed an interest in a rights based approach to working with young people during the developments of Extending Entitlement and further developed this through working for a short time with the Children's Society, later Tros Gynnal and finally spent 6 years with the Children's Commissioner for Wales as the Senior Participation Officer. For the last 8 years she has worked as Blaenau Gwent's Youth Service Manager, lead on the developments of the recent South East Wales ESF Youth programmes and is currently in the role as Chair for the Principal Youth Officer's Group (PYOG).

Dusty Kennedy – Director, Youth Justice Board Cymru

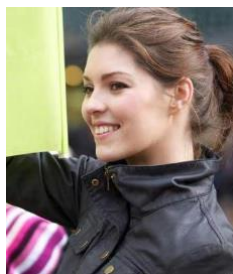


Dusty has worked in youth justice for 17 years. On leaving academia, he began as a volunteer mentor for children with substance misuse issues. He moved on to become a youth worker, practitioner and prevention manager in a youth offending team in Wales. He began his involvement with for the Youth Justice Board in Wales as a performance monitor, before becoming Head of YJB Wales Strategy; a joint post with the Welsh Government in the Department for Local Government and Communities' Community Safety Division.

He is now Director of YJB Cymru and a member of the YJB's Executive Management Group. In this role he is responsible for oversight of the youth justice system in Wales, the identification and

dissemination of effective youth justice practice and liaison between the Welsh and UK Governments on the implementation of youth justice policy. He is also the Board's designated executive champion for the voice of the young person and children's rights.

Samantha Howells – Community Development Manager (Young People and Families), Charter Housing



Sam is the Community Development Manager at Charter Housing, managing a specialist team to deliver projects and support services for children, families and young people.

Sam has worked in various Youth Work and Housing settings spanning the last 15 years to include statutory and third sector youth service, alternative education, youth homelessness, supported housing as well as youth offending service.

Sam has a personal and professional interest in equality and diversity, human development, Adverse Childhood Experiences and Asset Based Community Development, this drives her practice.

Sam recently delivered the 'ACE Informed Approach to Housing Services' as part of the Bridgend Pilot and is currently working on a Welsh Government project to develop a tool for social landlords to evaluate and influence their response to Anti Social Behaviour, informed by an emphasis on a relational approach to vulnerability.

Sam is passionate about enabling young people to be the best they can be, to engage and inspire young people to take positive action, raise levels of aspiration, motivation, confidence and self-esteem. To compliment her BA (Hons) Degree in Youth and Community work, Sam is now embarking on a Master's degree in Advanced Housing Practice.

Laura Tranter – Community Relationship and Engagement Lead, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Support Hub



Laura was originally seconded into Barnardo's Cymru from the Welsh Government's Substance Misuse branch in 2006. This secondment built on work undertaken while in Welsh Government to secure a Welsh multi-agency policy and practice response to the issues identified in the ground-breaking 2003 'Hidden Harm' report.

Her role supported the development of links between the criminal justice and substance misuse sectors and children's social care agencies. This included, for example, work to identify and support the use of family support pathways for Drug Intervention Programme providers in 2009. Laura has lead on influencing and development work in Wales in relation to children of prisoners, building on established Barnardo's practice elsewhere in the UK. She was seconded into NOMS in 2011 in order to support the development of responses to the needs of children and families of offenders across Wales.

Laura developed and managed the CAPI portfolio in Barnardo's Cymru. This included the community partner element of the Invisible Walls project based at HMP Parc. The Community Support for Offenders' families (CSOF) project, HMP Parc Visitors Centre and more recently the Families of Veterans Support Service and Invisible Walls Accord Project.

Laura is responsible for support the development and delivery of the training element of the Early Intervention and Prevention project and has line management responsibility for the Barnardo's ACE coordinator.

More recently Laura has been seconded to the ACEs Support Hub as the Community Relationship and Engagement Lead supporting the hubs vision to create an "ACE informed Society" by:

Providing knowledge to develop awareness and training material for citizens, which can also be used by professionals working closely with children and families and identifying opportunities to build community resilience to the impact and transmission of ACE's.