



## Annual Report 2021

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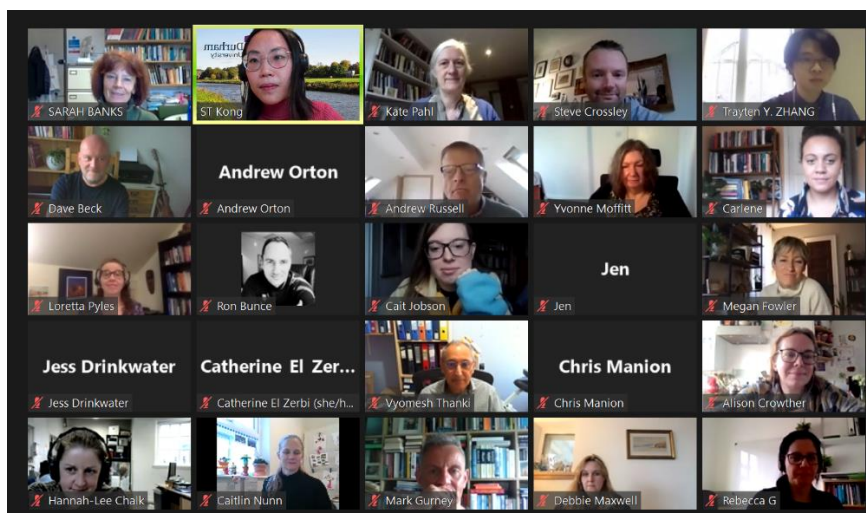
**The Centre** has continued to hold events and meetings online this year, with the advantage of enabling us to hear from guest speakers from different parts of the world. Although we have missed the interaction and vibrancy of in-person encounters, we have learnt how to use break out rooms and digital tools to maximise participation and creative learning. Many thanks to all who have joined us virtually this year and contributed to enhancing our thinking and ideas on participatory action research with a social justice focus.

**Presentations at conferences & meetings:** Members of the Centre have presented (usually online) at various events. **Sui Ting Kong** presented on innovative participatory methods for social transformation at a virtual seminar organised by MIDEX at the University of Central Lancaster and social work best practice during COVID-19 in various UK national webinars organised by the British Association of Social Workers. She also gave a keynote speech on her personhood-oriented model for end-of-life care at the International Symposium on Promoting Personhood for Older Adults at End Stage of Life and Challenges during the COVID-19 Pandemic. **Sarah Banks** presented on co-produced research at a virtual conference for non-profit organisations in Singapore and on ethical challenges for social workers during Covid-19 at numerous events, including the International Association of Schools of Social Work, Iran Association of Social Workers and International Association of Social Workers Regional Conferences for Europe and Africa. **Gary Craig**, as senior Trustee of the Desmond Tutu Foundation UK, attended his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations at South Africa House in London. Sadly, the Archbishop died at the end of the year. **Alison Jobe** presented at an ESRC Festival of Social Science webinar on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 with Association for Real Change-Us Too and Women's Centre Cornwall to disseminate best practice for police and other practitioners working with women with learning disabilities and/or autism who report rape/ sexual assault. **Andrew Orton** gave a plenary expert presentation to the 3rd European Policy Dialogue Forum on Refugees and Migrants on 'Fostering social inclusion and enhancing participation of refugees and migrants in host societies', in October 2021.

### Online training events, seminars and workshops organised by the Centre

- **CSJCA Annual Event, Participatory Practices for Transforming Racial and Cultural Hierarchies: Potential and Limitations**, 18 March 2021. Delayed from 2020, this online event explored the potential and limitations of participatory practices for addressing legacies of colonialism and white supremacy in our everyday lives and in research, and the way these intersect with other hierarchies such as gender and class. Around 50 people attended the event.

- **Partnership and collaboration in participatory health research (PHR): insights from a reflective journey**, Webinar, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021. This webinar, the second in the series, 'Rethinking Ethics in Participatory Research' was very stimulating and engaging. 48 people attended. There is a recording [HERE](#) of the presentation by Barbara Groot.
- **Participatory Action Research**, 5-day Masters module, 10-14<sup>th</sup> May 2021, delivered online by Sarah Banks. 17 students attended the course.
- **Participatory action research: theories, methods and challenges, NINE DTP online course**, 7th-9th June 2021. This course was fully booked and around 100 participants attended, coordinated by Sarah Banks with guest tutors Mary Brydon-Miller and Kristin Kalsem from USA, alongside Tina Cook, Yvonne Hall and Andrew Russell from NE England.
- **CSJCA Postgraduate Forum Event**, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The first CSJCA Postgraduate Forum Event post-lockdown was held in the Penthouse Suite, Collingwood College. Nineteen people attended in person, and seven online.
- **Connecting Communities for a Sustainable Future (online)**, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021. This event, coordinated by Sui Ting Kong, was fully booked, with around 50 participants attending on the day. Prof Loretta Pyles gave a keynote speech on 'The Future of Transformative Organising' alongside Prof Kate Pahl, Dr Caitlin Nunn, Dr Jonathan Wistow and Prof Carlene Firmin running workshops on the theme of communities and sustainability.
- **International Symposium for Social Work Practitioner Research (online)**, as part of the ESRC Festival of Social Science, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021. More than 10 UK and international academic, practitioner and service user researchers presented their studies in the symposium, which was attended by around 70 participants from 7 different countries. The event was led by Sui-Ting Kong, and co-organised with the BASW UK Network for Social Work Practitioner Research.
- In addition to the above, Centre staff have also led an open undergraduate degree module on 'Communities and Social Justice' and developed a new related open Masters' degree module on 'Communities, Civil Society and Social Justice' to offer in future.



Participants at the annual event on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Selection of current research projects

- **Research with British Association of Social Workers on social work during Covid-19 led by Sui Ting Kong** - The project aimed to identify best practice and ethical and practical challenges facing social work in the UK during Covid-19 through collaborative work. The project set up the first BASW UK Practitioner Research Network (the Network) in August 2020 to collaborate with academics from Durham University in analysing the data collected from BASW's *Ongoing Survey*

on Social Work during COVID-19. The [final report](#) and the [practice toolkit](#) are now available on the BASW website.

- **Ethical challenges for social workers during Covid-19** – this international research starting in Spring 2020, has been extended with follow-up funding until September 2022, coordinated by Sarah Banks with international partners. During 2021, Nikki Rutter worked with Sarah to analyse the UK data, undertake follow up interviews and produce a report and a continuing professional development resource with the British Association of Social Workers. Further details and publications can be found on the [CSJCA website](#).
- **Youth engagement and skills acquisition within Africa’s transport sector: promoting a gender agenda towards transition into meaningful work**, GCRF ESRC-funded project, led by **Gina Porter**, We have continued to work in the three study cities [Abuja, Tunis and Cape Town] in collaboration with our peer research team of young unemployed women, local academic collaborators, staff from the international NGO Transaid, in-country NGOs and various ministry collaborators. Despite pandemic challenges, some training workshops have taken place [some online, some face-to-face]. They are aimed at supporting women as transport users and women working in the transport sector in all three cities.
- **New impact project funded by ESRC-IAA**. Co- creating a training course for criminal justice practitioners working with people with learning disabilities/ autism who report rape/ sexual assault. A participatory theatre-based project, co-ordinated by Alison Jobe, with Open Clasp Theatre Company, Association for Real Change (ARC England)/ Us Too Project and Helen Williams, University of Sunderland. The project will run from January to December 2022.

### Selection of publications

- Banks, S. and Truell, R. (2021) '[From ethical challenges on the frontline to co-building a new eco-social world](#)', *Journal of Social Intervention*, 30(5) 2021, pp.8–26.
- Banks, S. and Rutter, N. (2021) 'Pandemic ethics: Rethinking rights, responsibilities and roles in social work', *British Journal of Social Work*, advance access, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcab253>
- Cole, B., **Craig, G**, and Ali, N. (2022) '[Special Issue: Race, Learning and Teaching in Social Policy](#)', *Social Policy and Society*. This is co-edited by Professor Gary Craig on the theme of 'race' in teaching and learning in social policy in higher education. The link features interviews with Gary and several authors as well as full details of the issue.
- Craig, G. (2021) 'Putting the global in social justice', in Deeming, C. (ed.) *The struggle for social sustainability*, Bristol, Policy Press: 237-254.
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- Stubbersfield J.M., Widge T., **Russell A.J.** and Tehrani J.J. (2021) The HCT Index: a typology and index of health conspiracy theories with examples of use [version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review] *Wellcome Open Research* 2021, **6**:196  
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