



Annual Report 2020

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A challenging year: The Covid-19 pandemic profoundly affected all members of CSJCA and people we work with during 2020, both professionally and personally. The Centre moved to offering events and training online, including working with the UK Network for Participatory Research to explore issues and challenges for PAR in times of remote and socially distanced practice, and some staff initiated action research on social work practice during Covid-19.

New film about the Centre's work: A seven-minute film about the research conducted by members of the Centre and the related research group in the Sociology Department at Durham University was made by Wang Yi, the doctoral researcher and active member of the CSJCA. This can be found on Youtube [HERE](#).

Presentations at conferences & meetings: Centre directors and others attended many online events where they presented and discussed research conducted in the Centre in 2020. **Alison Jobe** hosted the annual Regional Learning day of The North East Sex Work Forum in February. **Gina Porter** presented in a series of GCRF research webinars from May to July, and she made a presentation for ITDP New York at the Mobilize virtual summit interactive training workshop in October. **Sarah Banks** and **Tian Cai** presented research findings about ethics and social work during Covid-19 at the International Federation of Social Workers' online conference in May and a British Association of Social Workers webinar in July. **Andrew Orton** contributed a presentation on building trust in local communities to the 2nd European Policy Dialogue Forum on Refugees and Migration organised by the Network for Dialogue in November. **Gary Craig** was a keynote speaker at the conference organised by British Expertise International on the role of British overseas aid in combatting modern slavery, launching the report of the Independent Commission on aid impact, in December.

Fellowship: **Pradeep Narayanan** from Praxis Institute for Participatory Practices, India was awarded a Global Challenges Research Fund Fellowship with the Centre for Social Justice and Community Action to undertake action research on community-based ethical review in India. Unable to come to Durham physically in 2020, he delivered several webinars, engaged in discussion with Centre members and is developing innovative practice in this field alongside community researchers.

Online training events, seminars and workshops organised by the Centre

- **Participatory Action Research**, 5-day Masters module, 11-15th May 2020, delivered online by Sarah Banks, with assistance from Wang Yi. Blackboard Collaborate Ultra was used, with a mix of Powerpoint presentations, workshops, group discussion, group work and 'laughter yoga'.
- **Participatory Research with Communities facing Stigmatisation: Barriers to Accessing Education in India**, Webinar, 27th May 2020, with Pradeep Narayanan, Mayank Sinha and community researchers. A video recording of the webinar is available [HERE](#).
- **Participatory Research during Covid 19: challenges and new ways of working**, 26th June 2020. The webinar was organised by the UK Participatory Research Network and the Centre for Social Justice and Community Action, featuring a range of speakers and workshops.
- **Participatory Action Research: Issues, Challenges and Reflections from USA and UK**, Webinar, 14th July, 2020, for postgraduate researchers and community organisations. This replaced the 2-day course usually held in Durham, and was facilitated by Sarah Banks and Mary Robson, with guest speakers Mary Brydon-Miller (University of Louisville), Kristin Kalsem (University of Cincinnati) and Yvonne Hall (community researcher, North Tyneside).
- **Rethinking ethics in participatory research**, 18th November 2020. This webinar was organised by the Centre for Social Justice and Community Action and Praxis Institute for Participatory Practices, India. Introduced by Sarah Banks, the plenary speaker was Pradeep Narayanan. The recording of the plenary talk is available [HERE](#).

Selection of current research projects

- **ASTRA project**. Durham has been successful as part of a substantial European consortium in gaining European Commission funding for the "ASTRA" project which brings together a team of universities, community partners to develop a research programme on sustainability in social work, and social inclusion. If you'd like to know more about the project, please contact **Roger Smith** (roger.smith@durham.ac.uk) and **Sui Ting Kong** (sui.t.kong@durham.ac.uk).
- **Emerging Voices: Child Trafficking in Ghana**, funded by Arts and Humanities Research Council. **Gary Craig** was Research Lead for this research project. The final report is available [HERE](#).
- **Empowering Social Workers in Challenging Times: Learning from Best Practice during Covid-19**. **Sui Ting Kong** has received ESRC IAA funding (£9590) for a collaborative project between academics from the CSJCA and practitioner-researchers from the British Association of Social Workers (BASW). The project aims to identify best practice and ethical and practical challenges facing social work during covid-19 through co-analysis of data collected from the BASW's *Ongoing Survey on Social Work during Covid-19*, November 2020 – July 2021.
- **Ethical challenges for social workers during Covid-19** – Funded by Durham University's ESRC Impact Acceleration Account, led by **Sarah Banks**, with research assistance from **Tian Cai**, this project (April to December 2020) partnered with the International Federation of Social Workers, the British Association of Social Workers and an international team of researchers. It involved surveying social workers' experiences worldwide, generating a guide to practising ethically during pandemic conditions, a report with recommendations and several articles and book chapters.
- **Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), networking grant**. This research project involves **Andrew Russell**, in collaboration with colleagues in India, investigating alternative livelihoods for bidi (South Asian leaf cigarette) workers by engaging bidi workers directly in the research process.
- **Limits of Solidarity? Ethics in Christian Social Welfare Practice** led by **Andrew Orton** and partners in Sweden, Czech Republic and Germany. Work continued on a €15,000 Uppsala University/Durham University seedcorn grant project. This included running an online European workshop involving 32 participants in November 2020.
- **Research exploring Criminal Justice System responses to people with learning disabilities in cases of sexual assault/rape**. **Alison Jobe** has worked with Rape Crisis Tyneside and

Northumberland on this research, funded by N8 Policing Research Partnership Project People and Knowledge Exchange, with Helen Williams (Sunderland), Northumbria Police and Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland (RCTN). Summary report, full report, easy read report and presentation of findings available [HERE](#).

- **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**, continued with visits to South Africa and Nigeria in Feb 2020, subsequently having to reconfigure due to Covid-19.

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