

## The Centre

for Children and Young People's Participation  
promoting and researching participation, inclusion and empowerment



### **Second Call for Papers:**

## **Children, Young People and Adults: Extending the Conversation 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September, 2012**

The University of Central Lancashire is delighted to be hosting the second international conference of the **International Childhood and Youth Research Network** (<http://www.icyrnet.net/>).

The conference is aimed at experienced and new researchers, policy-makers and practitioners from all around the world, and will offer:

- Exciting keynote addresses from academics, practitioners and social commentators
- High quality papers from research, policy and practice
- Workshops for researchers and practitioners
- Opportunities for dialogue with children and young people

The conference takes place side by side with **Global Conversations**, an international gathering of children and young people being planned around broad themes of participation and citizenship. Shared plenary sessions, and smaller workshops, will create spaces where children, young people and adults can come together and engage in dialogue.

### **Confirmed plenary speakers are:**

- Libby Brooks (Columnist, *The Guardian*, UK)
- Jim Davis (Good Childhood Advisor, The Children's Society, England, UK)
- Allison James (Professor of Sociology, University of Sheffield, UK)
- Berry Mayall (Professor of Childhood Studies, Institute of Education, University of London, UK)
- Kavita Ratna (Director-Communications, Concerned for Working Children, Bangalore, India)
- Harry Shier (Education Adviser, CESESMA, Matagalpa, Nicaragua)

Other plenary speakers may be added nearer the date.

**Full details are on the conference website at**

**[www.uclan.ac.uk/childhoodandyouth](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/childhoodandyouth)**

**Research and policy papers and workshops** are invited on the following themes:

- Spaces, places and institutions of childhood
- Inter-generational relationships
- Public and private domains
- Global and local
- Inclusion and exclusion
- Family and lifespan
- Culture and context
- Work, play and leisure
- Mobilities and borders
- Transitions and disruptions
- Conflict and peace
- Citizenship and rights
- Responsibility and dependency
- Public perceptions and attitudes
- Children's participation in decision-making
- Children and young people as researchers

Cross-cutting themes are expected to include, for example, power, gender, abuse and exploitation. Although the organisers would like to see a wide range of approaches to presentation, we particularly welcome papers and workshops which aim to address a mixed audience including children and young people.

Publications being planned from the conference proceedings include an edited book and a proposed journal special issue.

**Abstracts (up to 150 words) are invited to be submitted by 5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.**

**Decisions will be notified on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012.**

### **Preston and the Guild 2012**

**Preston** is surrounded by beautiful country, including the Lake District, the Forest of Bowland and the Fylde coast. The town was at the heart of the industrial revolution and the struggle for democracy in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, believed to be the 'Coketown' of Charles Dickens' *Hard Times*. Since 2002 Preston has been England's newest city.

This conference will coincide with **Preston Guild**, a unique civic celebration which has taken place every twenty years since the Middle Ages. A year of community events reaches its climax in Guild Week at the beginning of September. There will be opportunities for conference delegates and their partners to take part in a range of Guild events.