

Children & Young People's Wellbeing @ Exeter

An Exeter Research Network

Members' Booklet

The network spans all the University's faculties and currently represents 16 different departments or research groups, all with related work in this important field of enquiry. It was formed to ensure that strong collaboration and inter-disciplinary thinking and skills are at the heart of the research conducted, for the benefit of children and young people. It is a dynamic network and we aim to increase our membership to all at the University with interest.



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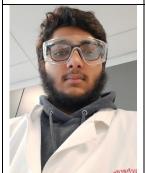
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Tom's research expertise is in the mapping, conceptualisation, and comparison of child protection systems. His research interests include the role of community and faith-based organisations in supporting child and family welfare, including child protection systems in low-and middle-income countries.

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Rosie is a PhD researcher exploring primary school children's understanding of the curriculum area – 'fundamental British values'. This study has involved creative and participatory methodologies to meaningfully include children in the research and has considered issues of wellbeing in relation to children's participation in school and wider society. Rosie is a former primary school teacher, with experience of working with children who have newly arrived in the UK and teaching in rural and urban spaces.



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Andy Gibbs is a Senior Lecturer in Psychology and his work primarily focuses on working with young people living in marginalised communities in South Africa to understand and address some of the health impacts they experience, particularly violence against women. He's also starting work on violence perpetrated/experienced by students in the UK.



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