

Shaping Liverpool as a Child Friendly City: Research Showcase Online Event

20 November 2020 10-12.30

To register:

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In March 2019, Liverpool City Council began working towards becoming a [UNICEF Child Friendly City](#). This involves undertaking and implementing a number of commitments to ensure that children's rights are reflected in laws, policies, programmes and budgets at the local level. This is a major opportunity to improve the life chances, health and well-being of children across the city, and involves partners from a range of public services (local authorities, teachers, health care professionals, police, fire service, social workers, early years education), civil society organisations, businesses, transport as well as further and higher education institutions.

The University of Liverpool is a key partner in this endeavour. It will leverage its expertise in multiple areas of research relevant to children and harness its links with the children's sector locally and nationally. Strong collaborative links have also been developed internally, across all three Faculties, with over 150 research active staff conducting research on issues relevant to children and childhood. The University has prioritised research relating to children as part of its [Starting Well, Living Well, Ageing Well](#) theme, and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences has adopted [Children and Childhood](#) as one of its core research themes.

This event will provide researchers from across the University of Liverpool and from other universities in the city with an opportunity to present research that could inform efforts to transform Liverpool into a child friendly city. It will involve a series of very short presentations around three questions:

- How is my research relevant to children in Liverpool?
- How can my research inform efforts to make Liverpool a child friendly city
- What steps could be taken to transpose my research findings into concrete action and impact at local level?

Presentations will provide the basis for cross-disciplinary discussion and planning, with a view to developing a series of Child Friendly City Research Briefings, identifying avenues for further research, and exploring possibilities for enhanced cross-disciplinary and cross-sectoral collaboration.

PROGRAMME

10-10.15	Welcome and Setting the Scene	Young Advisors
		<p>Professor Fiona Beveridge - Executive Pro Vice Chancellor for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences</p> <p>Steve Reddy Director of Children and Young People's Service, Liverpool City Council</p>
10.15-10.45	Healthy Children	
	Is walking to school enough to prevent childhood obesity?	Rob Noonan Appetite & Obesity Research Group, Department of Psychological Sciences, University of Liverpool
	Serious complications of Childhood Obesity & the urgent need for Prevention	Dr Senthil Senniappan – Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist & Clinical Specialty Director, Endocrinology, Alder Hey Children's Hospital
	Understanding the determinants and impact of adolescent substance use	Dr Abi Rose, Addiction research team, Department of Psychology
10.45-11.30	Equal and Included Children	
	The impact of cuts to local government spending on Sure Start centres on childhood obesity	Kate Mason, Department of Public Health, Policy and Systems
	Inequalities and advocacy: Poverty is a key driver of the UK's dismal performance on child health	Professor David Taylor-Robinson, Public Health and Policy
	Children and Young People with SEND: Experiences from Liverpool	Professor Amel Alghrani and Seamus Byrne, School of Law and Social Justice
11.30-12.15	Making Liverpool a Place for Children	
	Creating a Child Friendly Urban Environment	Professor Rhiannon Corcoran, Psychology and Public Mental Health
	Safeguarding Children through Evidenced Based Policing of Online Child Sexual Abuse Offenders	Sue Giles – School of Psychology/working with the police to protect children
	Why investing in children's rights saves money	Professor Helen Stalford, School of Law and Social Justice
12.15-12.30	Some challenges of Child Friendly City and working together to overcome them	Carol Robinson, Professor of Children's Rights, Edge Hill University
	Next steps and priorities for action	Young Advisors