Randomised Controlled Trials in the Social Sciences
Twelfth Annual Conference

Registration brochure and call for abstracts

6th, 7th and 8th September 2017

Keynote speaker

Frances Gardner is Professor of Child and Family Psychology in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention at Oxford University, and co-Director of the Centre for Evidence-Based Intervention. She has led randomised trials in many countries, as well as systematic reviews, testing the effects of parenting interventions for reducing child problem behaviour, and violence against children, and investigating questions about transportability of interventions across cultures and countries, and mechanisms and moderators of change. She serves on the Board of ‘Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development’, and on the Society for Prevention Research task force on ‘Standards of Evidence’.

Invited speakers

Peter John is known for his work on public policy, agenda-setting and nudge interventions. He is author of Analyzing Public Policy (2012) and Making Policy Work (2011). He is interested in how to involve citizens in public policy and management, and in the use of randomized controlled trials to find out what public agencies can do to involve citizens, some of which appeared in Nudge, Nudge, Think, Think: Experimenting with Ways to Change Civic Behaviour (Bloomsbury, 2011). His most recent book, Field Experiments in Political Science and Public Policy, has just been published with Routledge.

Kathy Sylva is Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Oxford. She has led large-scale studies on the effects of early education on children’s development. She has also developed parenting interventions aimed at enhancing parents’ capacity to support their child’s learning and behaviour. Kathy was awarded an OBE in 2008 and the British Education Association’s Nisbet Award for outstanding contribution to educational research in 2014.
Twelfth Annual Conference

We are pleased to announce the twelfth annual RCTs in the Social Sciences conference. The conference will be an opportunity for delegates to share expertise, interests and concerns about conducting trials in all fields of social sciences.

The conference will be held on 6th and 7th September 2017 at King’s Manor, University of York.

This conference aims to:

◆ Facilitate sharing and collaboration between academic disciplines in this area
◆ Discuss the methodological, practical and ethical challenges of undertaking trials in the social sciences.

Call for abstracts

Abstracts are now invited for refereed oral and poster contributions relevant to RCTs conducted in the social sciences.

Abstracts should:

◆ Follow a structured format - such as Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusion
◆ Be no longer than 250 words, excluding references
◆ Include no more than three references.

This year the planning committee will award prizes for the best contributed presentation and for the best poster. The prizes will be presented by the keynote speaker.

Please send submissions by Friday 21st July by email to:

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or by post to:

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The conference is jointly organised by Professor David Torgerson (University of York, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences), Professor Catherine Hewitt (University of York, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences) and Dr Ben Styles (National Foundation for Educational Research).

The conference workshop will be organised by Professor Carole Torgerson (Chair in Education, Durham University) and Dr Ben Styles (Research Director – Statistician, National Foundation for Educational Research).

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Main Conference

Wednesday 6th September and Thursday 7th September 2017
King’s Manor, University of York

The Conference will open on Wednesday 6th September at 9.30 am and will close on Thursday 7th September at 4.30 pm. The registration fee includes lunch and refreshments on both days. The conference dinner will be held on the evening of Wednesday 6th September 2017.

The Conference will include one keynote presentation and two invited presentations and contributed presentations on all aspects of randomised trials in the social sciences. There will be an opportunity for delegates to discuss their own trials at a one-hour ‘surgery’.

The above details are correct at the time of going to print. The organisers reserve the right to make amendments to arrangements where necessary.

Workshop

Friday 8th September 2017, King’s Manor, University of York, 9.00am - 1.00 pm

The half-day conference workshop will be organised by Professor Carole Torgerson (Chair in Education, Durham University) and Dr Ben Styles (Research Director - Statistician, National Foundation for Educational Research).

This workshop will explore a topical issue: ‘Challenges and potential solutions in the selection of appropriate outcome measures for RCTs.’ There will be a number of brief presentations on aspects of this issue and opportunities for discussion of delegates’ examples.

Confirmed speakers: Professor Carole Torgerson, Dr Ben Styles; Dr Sue Stothard (Head of Research, Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring, Durham University).

Venue

The conference will take place at King’s Manor, University of York. King’s Manor is situated in York City Centre approximately a 10 minute walk away from the railway station.

Visit www.york.ac.uk/media/abouttheuniversity/maps/kings-manor-and-city-map.pdf for a location map.
Registration Form

Title ___________________ First name ___________________ Last name ___________________

Email ___________________

Organisation ___________________ Department ___________________

Address ___________________

City ___________________

Country ___________________

Postcode ___________________

Telephone ___________________

Dietary and Special requirements (e.g. vegetarian/vegan/kosher/halal/other) ___________________

Registration Fees: (please tick)

Early Registration
(payment received up to and including Friday 11th August 2017)
Conference fees (two days, 6th, 7th and 8th September, conference dinner, workshop) £350
Conference fees (two days: 6th and 7th September) £290
Conference fee (one day only: 6th September) £145
Conference fee (one day only: 7th September) £145
Conference Dinner (6th September) £30

Student Registration
Conference fees (two days, 6th, 7th and 8th September, conference dinner, workshop) £160
Conference fees (two days: 6th and 7th September) £100
Conference fee (one day only: 6th September) £50
Conference fee (one day only: 7th September) £50
Conference Dinner (6th September) £30

Workshop only
Workshop (8th September) £30

Standard Registration
(for payment received after Friday 11th August 2017)
Conference fees (two days, 6th, 7th and 8th September, conference dinner, workshop) £400
Conference fees (two days: 6th and 7th September) £340
Conference fee (one day only: 6th September) £170
Conference fee (one day only: 7th September) £170
Conference Dinner (6th September) £30

Accommodation
If you prefer to stay in York City centre, please contact Visit York www.visityork.org/book/

If you require any help with your booking or would like any further information about accommodation in York please contact Sally Baker (sally.baker@york.ac.uk).

Method of Payment

Online registration with individual credit/debit card payment only https://tinyurl.com/bookrct2017

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