



CALL FOR PAPERS

**‘TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH:
INTERDISCIPLINARY DEBATES AND CHALLENGES’**

Anglia Ruskin University

13th-14th September 2012



‘Twenty-first Century Childhood and Youth: Interdisciplinary Debates and Challenges’ is the first Biennial Anglia Ruskin Childhood and Youth Research Institute International Conference. The conference will be held at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th September 2012.

The Childhood and Youth Research Institute (CYRI) is a multi-disciplinary initiative, bringing together the diverse expertise of academics from a variety of scholarly backgrounds, all of whom share an interest in childhood and youth. Anglia Ruskin has a longstanding history of excellence in child-centred fields as diverse as social justice, children’s health and ophthalmology, education, children’s book illustration and music therapy for children. We hope to stimulate interdisciplinary debate among these and other areas of academic study. How, for example, might the study of children’s literature speak to the interests of academics working in the fields of child health and wellbeing? Or how might participatory methods in education speak to practitioners of child law? To this end we encourage a variety of interdisciplinary approaches and a range of methodological interventions.

Our first biennial conference focuses on the theme of ‘twenty-first century childhood and youth’, but we are keen to receive papers that conceptualise this topic in a broad variety of ways, including those that might utilise historical notions of childhood to understand those topics most pertinent to today’s youth.

Possible areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- experiences of marginalisation and exclusion;
- historical concepts of childhood;
- participatory methods with children and young people;
- theoretical or empirical studies in children’s literature;
- innovations in formal and informal education;
- early years education;
- innovations in child psychology;
- practices in child law;
- well-being and health; and
- theoretical and philosophical perspectives on childhood and youth.

Oral presentations, panel proposals and posters are all welcome.

Abstracts should not exceed 250 words and should be submitted by 29 February 2012.

Please e-mail the completed form to cyri2012@anglia.ac.uk