

CENTRE FOR INNOVATION AND RESEARCH IN CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

ESW Open Seminar Series

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Room G22, Jubilee

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Taking the Time to Listen:

Developing QLR studies that make space and time for the needs
and concerns of low-income children and parents to be heard

In this presentation, Professor Ridge explores some of the challenges and rewards encountered while carrying out Qualitative Longitudinal Research (QLR) with low-income children and their families over the last 15 years.

She will discuss two large QLR studies - one set up 15 years ago to explore the lives and experiences of low-income working mothers and their children, and one set up two years ago to follow a cohort of low-income children as they negotiate their lives at home and at school.

She will reveal some of the methodological issues inherent in each study, and the challenge of making an impact over time on the fluid, shifting domain of policy and politics - particularly in the field of poverty.

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