Dear Colleagues

It’s been a superb start to the year with a bumper January-February edition and some brilliant work continuing into March. There’s evidence of some great collaboration with Salford City Council taking place which is likely to have a much needed impact on some of the communities living in our local area.

It’s great to hear about the many varied topics on which you work and the contributions being made. Please do keep sending information in to care@salford.ac.uk we know colleagues in the school really appreciate being kept up to date. Colleagues across the University are increasingly using this newsletter to find out more about your achievements, research and interests. Finally, we’re currently working on a suite of audio-visual marketing materials to promote the work of CARe which should be ready in early April.

Thank you!

Prof. Phil Brown
(Director of CARe)

Conferences & Events

**Dr Anya Ahmed** was an invited speaker at the ESRC Families and Migration Conference, University of Manchester, 7–8 March 2017, presenting a paper entitled: ‘On being a good grandmother: constructing positive grandmother identities from a distance.’

**Dr Anya Ahmed** and **Katy Jones** have been working with Cllr Paul Longshaw and Rebecca Long-Bailey MP to establish a ‘Homelessness Commission’ in Salford. **Anya, Katy, Andrea Gibbons, Danielle Butler** and **Dillon Newton** hosted a listening event at the university on 22 February, to establish the purpose and remit of a Homelessness Commission. The event was attended by local housing providers, charities and people who had experienced homelessness and the Homelessness Commission will be launched at the University on 26 April.

**Dr Anya Ahmed, Danielle Butler, Dillon Newton, Dr Cristina Vasilica** and **Dr Mark Wilding** are holding a stakeholder consultation event with Housing Diversity Network and housing practitioners at the University on 9 March. Learning from the event will feed into their HEIf project to develop an online tool for housing associations to assess their standards of equality, inclusion and cohesion.
Dr Sue McAndrew was invited to deliver a paper on 22 February at Manchester University to an undergraduate children's nursing conference, entitled: Supporting the Mental Health of Children and Young People. The title of the presentation was 'Young gay men and suicidality: Dying to tell their stories'. The conference was attended by approximately 150 undergraduate nursing students. Dr McAndrew was also invited by 'Positive Realities' to give a keynote paper on 23 February at their conference: 'Care Well: Mental health & young carers' held at Edinburgh City Chambers. The title of the presentation was 'Careful Minding, Mindful Caring: Looking after the mental health of young people who take on the caring role.' The conference was multi-professional, attended by approximately 70 people.

On 14 March 2017, the 'Not Just a thought...' project team (Donna Peach, Prof Tony Long, Dr Cristina Vasilica, Clare Neylon and Dr Ian Drumm) will be showcasing their co-produced communication model, website and media applications at Media City. All are welcome to attend.

Donna Peach is on the planning group for the British Association of Social Worker's, 'Boot Out Austerity Walk' and will be completing the 100 mile walk from Birmingham to Liverpool in April 2017.

Bids & Awards

In February Dr Gaynor Bagnall was an invited attendee at the Arts Council funded Museum-University Partnership Initiative at Manchester Museum. Whilst at this sandpit event, whose aim is to foster collaboration between academics and museums, she worked with museum practitioners and academics from across the North West to identify possible research projects. On the day the teams had to do a 'pitch' to secure £1000 'thinking funding' to enable them to further develop their ideas. Gaynor was part of two successful teams, who secured this funding to develop research projects on, 'Telling Stories: The use of narrative in Museums to build audience engagement', and 'Using heritage and the digital to interpret and explore the carbon landscape'.

The 'Not Just A Thought...' project team (Donna Peach, Prof Tony Long, Dr Cristina Vasilica, Clare Neylon and Dr Ian Drumm) were awarded £25,236 from NHS Pennine Acute Trust, for evaluation and the development of media and virtual reality applications.

Dr Tracey Williamson is part of a successful bid for seedcorn funding led by Dr Kris Hollands in Health Sciences along with Prof Chris Nester and Dr Anita Williams. Tracey is leading on PPI during the study which runs during 2017 and is funded by the NIHR Brain Injury Healthcare Technology Co-operative. Tracey is looking forward to working with a potentially challenging population to engage in research and gaining new methodological insights.

Projects

For the last few months, Dr Lisa Scullion (SHUSU) has been working with Salford City Council to help set up the Salford Anti-Poverty Taskforce. This is a research and knowledge exchange partnership that will feed directly into Salford City Council’s Anti-Poverty Strategy. Lisa has received £22,000 from HEIF to support the development of the Taskforce, which will undertake a range of different research projects as well as providing opportunities for students to support the anti-poverty agenda in Salford through dissertations and placements. The Taskforce was officially launched on 16 February by the City Mayor, Paul Dennett, at the launch of the Anti-Poverty Strategy.

Lisa said: "We are proud to be working closely with Salford City Council to provide the robust data that is needed to support the new Anti-Poverty Strategy. We will be working to build up a detailed picture of what life is like for those affected and what problems they face on a daily basis. The Taskforce is an equal partnership between the University and Salford City Council, and while it focuses specifically on the anti-poverty agenda, it supports the wider commitment of the University to work collaboratively with Salford City Council as part of its ICZ programme"

A number of academics from across the School, have offered their support to the Taskforce, but Lisa would like to hear from anyone else who is interested in getting involved or to discuss the opportunities available for students. For further information please contact Dr Lisa Scullion: l.scullion@salford.ac.uk
Dr Anya Ahmed, Dr Andrea Gibbons, Dr Mark Wilding and Katy Jones have submitted the interim report to the Welsh Government for the post-implementation evaluation of the Housing (Wales) Act research project. The project is due to be completed in November 2017.

Dr Anya Ahmed, Karen Kinghorn and Steve Myers have been working with the housing sector to develop a new housing undergraduate programme and the University has been named as a partner by the Housing and Property Development Group on the ‘Expression of Intent’ – the formal request to develop the level 5 & 6 trailblazer with DfE.

Dr Michelle Howarth attended a Care Farm Research Outcome measures working group that was organised through Care Farm UK. The working group are exploring the development of a standard framework that Care Farms can be used across the UK which will help them to determine standards of practice and an evaluation methodology.

Papers published


Ahmed, A., Wilding, M. Haworth-Lomax, R. and McCaughan, S. (2017) Promoting diversity and inclusiveness in dementia services in Salford, University of Salford, Salford CVS. [The project will be launched at Media City on 31st March].


Books published

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New roles

Professor Philip Brown has been appointed as a Specialist Advisor for the UK Parliamentary Women and Equalities Committee Inquiry into ‘Tackling inequalities face by Gypsies, Roma and Travellers’. The role started in February and will conclude in Summer 2017.

Donna Peach has become an Ambassador for the charity Voicing-CSA. Donna is a regular speaker at the charity’s events which take place across the country in order to support adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse.
Seminars

‘Greedy Family Fairytales: An ethnographic exploration of telling and markets’, Dr Emily Whitaker, 30 March, 3.00-4.30, Mary Seacole MS136.

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