Digital Families Research Workshop 1

‘Researching Digital Families’

25 October 2017

Venue: The University of Edinburgh
(Room G.43, Paterson's Land, Moray House School of Education)

Workshop aim and scope

The Digital Families Research Network is holding its first in a series of three, informal, research-focused workshops. This first workshop focuses specifically on the key area of developing methodologies to support research into digital families. The workshop will bring together individuals researching in the fields of both ‘digital’ and ‘families’ to share best practice and raise issues and opportunities relating to research methodologies. The aim of the workshop is to:

- provide an opportunity for networking and collaboration
- consolidate best practice and share ideas
- take forward issues raised through the Digital Families Policy and Research sub groups.

Who should come along?

This workshop is aimed at academics across the social sciences and practitioners involved in data collection and analysis related to digital families. It would also be useful for marketing and research managers who are considering working on the impact of digital on families.

Workshop format and timing (see over page)

In the morning, key experts will share their experience of research methodologies relating to children and young people, families and inter-generational families. The afternoon is set aside to debate key emerging themes, such as ethical implications, multiple channel collection methods, co-production, theoretical approaches and other pertinent issues and idea raised during the day.
Programme

10.00 Registration

10.15 Welcome and introduction – Dr Caroline Marchant, University of Edinburgh Business School

10.30 #sleepyteens - evolving methodologies in adolescent sleep and social media use

Dr Heather Cleland Woods, University of Glasgow, School of Psychology

Heather will outline the development of the #sleepyteens research project and how the team developed research partnerships and suitable methodologies to address social media use and sleep in an adolescent population.

11.00 Opportunities and issues in researching inter-generational family networks

Dr Caroline Marchant, University of Edinburgh Business School

Based on learning from her PhD thesis: ‘A new version of us: the integration of personal communications technology into family network consumption practices’, Caroline shares the learning from her multi-method, qualitative research into three generations of families and their use of technology.

11.30 Aye Mind – participatory and coproduction approaches in digital youth mental health

Dr Trevor Lakey, Health Improvement and Inequalities Manager – Mental Health, Alcohol and Drugs, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

12.00 Discussion - Brainstorm of issues, opportunities and ideas raised from the three speakers (identify three topics for further discussion after lunch)

12.30 LUNCH

13.30 Dr Kate-Orton Johnson, University of Edinburgh, Sociology

Feedback from recent Digitising Early Childhood International Conference – focus on methodologies and ethics (tbc)

13.45 Results of brainstorming – identifying 3 topics (participants attend 2 out of 3)

14.00 First breakout session and feedback

14.45 Second break out session and feedback

15.30 Consolidate learning, agree next steps

15.45 Close

As the workshop is informal, we ask that you bring your own refreshments and there will be time put aside to purchase lunch. To register, please email your details to lesley.kelly@ed.ac.uk
Proposals for the second and third workshop in this series:

- **Workshop 2**: Families: digital and poverty. Workshop to be held at University of West of Scotland, facilitated by David McGillivray. Date: *January 2018 (TBC)*
- **Workshop 3**: Family and digital play. Workshop to be held at Glasgow Caledonian University, facilitated by Sarah Goldsmith. Date: *March 2018 (TBC)*