

Masculinities, roles and transitions: exploring diversity and well-being in the unfolding of men's lives

University of Leeds, Tuesday 10th May, 2016, 9.30-5pm.

The Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness (FSHI) has funded a one-day symposium that will explore diversity and well-being in the unfolding of men's lives. The symposium is a collaboration between the University of Leeds, Edinburgh Napier University, University of Warwick and Glasgow Caledonian University.

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Sociologists have become increasingly interested in men's health in recent years, but there has been little exploration of how transitions through the life course impact upon men's health and wellbeing. There has also been an identifiable, but as yet, under-developed turn towards the spatial and temporal dimensions of social research, including in studies of men and masculinities (Bjørnholt, 2014). Continuities and transformations in masculinity across the life course, particularly the performance and experience of ageing masculinities and the mid-life, are substantive areas of concern that, if given more attention, have the potential to reinvigorate analyses of social change and its relationship to men's health and wellbeing, from a gendered and temporal perspective.

One of the key aims of this one-day symposium therefore is to explore critical sociological questions that examine the relationships between masculinities, men's health and well-being, and key spatial and temporal transitions across the life course.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Margunn Bjørnholt** (*Modern Men: A 30-year Longitudinal Study*),
- **Robert MacDonald**, (*Young men, transitions and precariousness*),
- **Peter Hopkins** (*Revisiting youthful masculinities*),
- **Alan White** (*Keeping well as an older man*),
- **Alan Dolan** (*Men's experiences of infertility and childbirth*),
- **Carol Emslie** (*Straight men drink beer and gay men drink cocktails*).

Event organisers: Anna Tarrant (a.tarrant@leeds.ac.uk) and Sally Brown (s.brown3@napier.ac.uk).

There are 50 places available so please book your ticket via Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/masculinities-roles-and-transitions-exploring-diversity-and-well-being-in-the-unfolding-of-mens-tickets-20728874622>

A limited number of travel bursaries of £25 are available. These will be issued on a first come, first served basis to postgraduate students and ECRs without institutional support. Please register for the event first and then contact Anna if you require one.

Postgraduate students are encouraged to submit an abstract for a poster about their work by Friday 26th February 2016 to Anna (a.tarrant@leeds.ac.uk). A prize will be awarded to the poster that is voted the best on the day and the winner will also have the opportunity to give a brief presentation of their poster on the day.