

Children's views of Britain and Britishness

In order to celebrate the Society's centenary in 2001, all subsystems were invited to stage an event. The Developmental Section instead chose to mark the occasion with a more permanent research-based contribution, and its committee soon settled on a nationwide study into children's views of Britain and Britishness.

The members of a steering group spent the summer of 2000 developing a large battery of measures. Developmentalists are invited to participate in the project, by conducting small-

scale studies on their own local populations. The aim is for each local study to be conducted by undergraduate students for the purposes of their final-year research projects, or by MSc students for their research dissertations. Each local study will form a small individual component of the full study, with the steering group collating all of the data into a large central database, to be mounted on the web for all researchers to use for their own individual research purposes.

Chair of the steering group

MARK PINDER (REPORTDIGITAL.CO.UK)

Martyn Barrett (University of Surrey; see interview in the February issue) is calling for your help. 'We would like to

invite as many colleagues as possible to consider participating in the centenary project through the recruitment of students from their own institutions to contribute to the data-collection process. All of the necessary materials may be downloaded freely from the project website (www.devpsy.lboro.ac.uk/bps/project). We have tried to make the website as helpful as possible for students who might get involved in the project, by providing a brief literature review of previous research in this field, and by providing

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES listed by deadline

31 March 2003

Fysyen Foundation. Postdoctoral study grants. E-mail: n.fersch@foundation-fysyen.org

Wellcome Trust. Vacation Scholarships. Contact: Rebecca Christou, Grants Information Officer. Tel: 020 7611 8888; e-mail: r.christou@wellcome.ac.uk

1 May 2003

ESRC/NERC. Interdisciplinary research studentships. Contact: Postgraduate Training Division. Tel: 01793 413000; e-mail: ptd@esrc.ac.uk; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

National Institute of Mental Health. Affiliative behaviours and HIV/STD prevention and alcohol and HIV/AIDS project grants. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

National Institute of Mental Health. HIV treatment adherence research project grants. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

National Institute of Mental Health. Research on social network and HIV risk prevention. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

National Institute of Mental Health. Demographic research on sexual behaviour related to HIV. Contact: Extramural Outreach and Information Resources Office. Tel: 00 1 301 435 0714; fax: 00 1 301 480 8443; e-mail: asknih@odrockm1.od.nih.gov; website: www.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm

Wellcome Trust. Public interest research studentships. Contact: Rebecca Christou, Grants Information Officer. Tel: 020 7611 8888; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

2 May 2003

Leverhulme Trust. Major research fellowships. Contact: General Enquiries. Tel: 020 7822 5220; website: www.leverhulme.org.uk

15 May 2003

Leverhulme Trust. Visiting professorships. Contact: J. Cater. Tel: 020 7822 6952; e-mail: jcater@leverhulme.org.uk; website: www.leverhulme.org.uk

17 May 2003

Royal Society. Postdoctoral Fellowships Abroad. Tel: 020 7451 2539; e-mail:

info@royalsoc.ac.uk; website: www.royalsoc.ac.uk

30 May 2003

Research Into Ageing. Research fellowships and PhD studentships. Contact: Dr Susanne Sorensen. Tel: 020 7404 6878; website: www.ageing.org

31 May 2003

ESRC: Link Programme in Eating, Food and Health. Contact: M. Edmonds. Tel: 01793 413000; website: www.esrc.ac.uk

1 June 2003

APA. Distinguished Scientific Awards Programme. Contact: Suzanne Wandersman, Director of Governance Affairs. Tel: 00 1 202 336 5500; website: www.apa.org

NERC. Small research grants. Contact: Dr J.H. Baker. Tel: 01793 411564; website: www.nerc.ac.uk

Wellcome Trust. Engaging Science-Society Awards. Contact: Rebecca Christou, Grants Information Officer. Tel: 020 7611 8888; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

National Institute of Mental Health. Project grants on research on the impact of disaster. Contact: Farris Tuma. Tel: 001 301 443 5944; e-mail: ftuma@nih.gov; website: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-133.html>

National Institute of Mental Health. Project grants on mental disorders/retardation. Contact: David Stoff. E-mail: dstoff@nih.gov; website: <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-028.html>

National Institute of Mental Health. Project grants on mental health service improvement. Contact: Karen Anderson Oliver. E-mail: koliver1@mail.nih.gov; website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-145.html>

National Institute of Mental Health. Project grants for psychopathology analyses. Contact: Karen Bourdon. E-mail: kbourdon@nih.gov; website: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-044.html>

1 Feb 2004 (ongoing)

US National Institute on Aging. Research projects. Contact: Linda Whipp. Tel: 00 1 301 496 1472; e-mail: lw17m@nih.gov; website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide.html>

open date schemes

See January issue (p.41).

A searchable database containing full details of the various national and international funding opportunities for psychologists can be found on the Society's website at www.bps.org.uk/careers/funding.cfm

If you are a grant-awarding body, please e-mail Lisa Morrison (lismor@bps.org.uk) with details of your scheme for inclusion in this column.

a brief summary of some possible hypotheses which could be tested in individual students' research projects. A template SPSS data file is also available from the website, so that any data collected using the measures can be collated with minimal effort.

'Any member of the steering group would be very interested to hear from colleagues who feel they might be able to make a contribution to this work.'

□ *Full contact details are available on the centenary project website, or e-mail dev2001@lists.lboro.ac.uk.*

Comprehensive spending review

THE outcome of the latest comprehensive spending review, published in December 2002, shows a significant increase in the allocations to core funding for the research councils, investment in a variety of cross-council programmes and additional funding to support university research.

Three new cross-council programmes will be funded, researching stem cells, sustainable energy, and the rural economy. Funding will

also continue for the basic technology programme, the post-genomics programme, and for the e-science programme. Of particular importance for psychology, the BBSRC and MRC will jointly lead a programme on brain science focusing on neurodegenerative diseases and mental health problems, such as Alzheimer's disease, dementia, schizophrenia, depression, drug addiction, and even some of the causes of antisocial behaviour.

RESEARCH REQUESTS

■ I AM interested in finding out about **long-term addictions to nicotine replacement therapy**, specifically nicotine chewing gum.

I would be interested to find out whether anyone knows of any literature in this area or has had experience of clients with such difficulties.

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■ MY doctorate research interest is in **substance use, traumatic violence and dangerous personality**. I am looking at

personality types and the possible link between previous trauma and alcohol use and suicidal, homicidal or 'evil genius' behaviours. Please contact me if you know of any research in this area or where to access clinical case records of persons (living or dead) who might tally with this study area.

I would also appreciate information on previous or ongoing research or publications on prevention and management in HIV/AIDS trauma and drugs misuse, particularly systemic and cognitive-behavioural approaches

Francis B. Selema

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Like all sections of *The Psychologist*, 'Supporting research' depends on your contributions. E-mail Lisa Morrison on lismor@bps.org.uk with your tips, questions, work in progress – anything related to the research process that you think would be of interest to our wide audience.