Dear GCYFRG Members,

We are delighted with the response to our initial call for session proposals (details below). Thank you to all those who have submitted. However, we are aware that some people may have missed the deadline, given the recent strike action in UK. We have therefore decided to extend the deadline to this Friday, 13 December. If you need any support or guidance with submitting a proposal, please contact tracy.hayes@cumbria.ac.uk

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The Geographies of Children, Youth and Families Research Group (GCYFRG) is inviting proposals for sessions to be sponsored by the research group, which means they will be badged as official GCYFRG sessions in the full programme. Please note proposals for sessions should be emailed to me (tracy.hayes@cumbria.ac.uk) by 13 December.

GCYFRG members and those of the geographical and related communities are invited to propose sessions. We welcome joint sessions with other research groups and encourage session convenors to advertise their sessions to relevant non-geography and non-academic audiences - guest passes are available for this purpose. GCYFRG are able to sponsor 12 sessions and proposals should relate to our general interest in the geographies of children, young people and families (http://gcyfrg.wordpress.com/about/), ideally linking this to the 2020 conference theme (although this is not absolutely necessary).

Location: RGS-IBG, London
Dates: Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 September 2020, with pre-conference events on Tuesday 1 September 2020
Conference chair: Professor Uma Kothari (University of Manchester, UK),
Conference Theme: Borders, Borderlands and Bordering

Sessions may take the form of presented papers, panels, practitioner forums, discussions or workshops. Innovative sessions and formats are encouraged. A small number of sessions containing Skype or other distance presentations can be supported. The conference organisers have put together guidelines for participation, which are intended to enable participation by a broad range of scholars and to help reduce scheduling clashes.

Session proposals will be reviewed by members of the GCYFRG committee, and you will be informed if your session will be sponsored by GCYFRG. You will then be able to circulate a call for papers for your session.

To propose a session to be sponsored by GCYFRG, or for questions about GCYFRG sponsored sessions, please contact Tracy Hayes, GCYFRG Conference Officer at tracy.hayes@cumbria.ac.uk.

Proposals should be submitted using the session proposal form by 13 December 2019 and should comprise
(i) Title of session, with Name and Contact Details for Session Convenors.
(ii) Name of Co-sponsoring groups, if applicable.
(iii) Abstract, outlining scope of session – max of 300 words.
(iv) Number of session time-slots that are sought - usually a max. of 2 timeslots per session, with each timeslot comprising 100 minutes.
(v) Indication, if known, of preferred organisation of session, e.g. 4 x 20min presentation, plus 20min discussion or 5 x 15min presentation, with 5min question for each, etc.
(vi) Indication, if known for any non-standard arrangements, e.g. video-conferencing.

If you have any questions please do get in touch with Tracy Hayes (GCYFRG Conference Officer – tracy.hayes@cumbria.ac.uk).

Best wishes,
Tracy (on behalf of the full GCYFRG Committee)