

Call for papers: 'Creative Research Methods in the social sciences'

The Social Research Association will hold a conference on **Creative Research Methods in the social sciences**, on Friday 8 May 2015 at the British Library conference centre in London.

This conference will bring together researchers from a range of disciplines and sectors to share experiences and learning. We will be running four concurrent **workshop streams** based on the four main areas of creative research methods:

- **Arts-based research**
- **Research using technology**
- **Mixed methods research**
- **Transformative research frameworks (e.g. participatory, emancipatory, feminist, decolonising methodologies)**

We would like to receive papers and presentations on creative research methods within and across these areas. We recognise that some research projects may span more than one of these areas; if this applies to you, please state which stream you would prefer to join, and any other stream(s) you would be willing to join.

Download the Call (PDF) from the SRA website: <http://the-sra.org.uk/events/>

At research methods conferences, there is often an emphasis on gathering data at the expense of other parts of the research process. We will accept papers on creative methods of gathering data, but we are also interested in creative methods of planning research, reviewing literature and other ways of contextualising research, analysing data, writing, presenting findings, dissemination, and so on.

In the spirit of creativity, we are taking a broad approach to the terms 'papers' and 'presentations'. We are interested in hearing from all researchers, whether service user, practice-based, academic, policy, or other researchers.

Abstracts of no more than 500 words should be emailed to the SRA office, admin@the-sra.org.uk, by **1 December 2014**, with 'CRM conference abstract' in the subject line. Please include in the same document a short (80-100 word) biography, email address, and phone number. Please do not send completed presentations at this stage. The content will need to be sufficient for a 20-minute presentation followed by questions. One presenter per submission will receive a discount on the delegate fee.

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