



Querying the Effectiveness of the Social Mobility Agenda

A British Sociological Association (BSA) Early Career Forum Regional Event

Social mobility is an ever-present topic in the United Kingdom (UK). In 2016 and 2022 Derby was highlighted as an area specifically in need of support with regard to social mobility. As economic inequality continues to expand in the UK and in Derby, questions need to be asked about our efforts to improve standards for those considered left behind.

This conference will platform a long-standing research topic alongside contemporary policy issues that continue to be relevant today both locally and nationally. Themes of education, inequalities, class, economic disadvantage and social mobility are all central.

Wednesday 1st May 2024 - 9am to 5pm

Free Event - Refreshments included - Registration required*

Room B102, University of Derby, Kedleston Road campus, DE22 1GB

Confirmed speakers:

- Prof. Kathryn Mitchell, Vice Chancellor, the University of Derby. Chair of the Opportunity Area board for Derby.
- Youth Representative presenting on the topic of social mobility TBC.
- Prof. Alessio D'Angelo, Professor of Social Policy, Co-Director Centre for Criminology and Social Policy Research, School of Law and Social Sciences at the University of Derby.
- Prof. Carl Parsons, Emeritus Professor of Education, Canterbury Christ Church University.

- Dr Lisa Mckenzie, Working-class academic and anarchist author, Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Bedfordshire.
- Pauline Anderson OBE, Chair of Trustees, The Traveller Movement. Former Director of Learning and Skills at Derby City Council.
- Dr Rhiannon Jones, Associate Professor (Civic) for the University of Derby. Lead the CivicLAB as well as CEO / Creative Director of Designing Dialogue (S.H.E.D).
- Dr Alex Blower, Access and Participation Development Manager and Research Fellow: Social Justice and Applied Creative Research.

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Event convenor: Ruth Richardson, PhD Candidate, Centre for Criminology and Social Policy Research

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