

**The importance of early years, childhood and adolescence: Evidence from longitudinal studies**  
**Monday 30 November - British Library Conference Centre**

***A new conference organised by CLOSER and hosted by the British Library***

**Submission Guidelines**

We welcome submissions from researchers, across all sectors and careers stages, using longitudinal data to explore the broad theme of *The importance of early years, childhood and adolescence*. Studies involving cross-study or intergenerational work, or analyses of linked or harmonised data are particularly encouraged.

Abstracts should be no more than 2,000 characters and include the following information:

Study design

Objective

Data and methodology

Results

Conclusions, including potential for further cross-study research OR challenges presented by cross-study comparisons

**Reviewing and Acceptance**

Submissions (for presentation or poster sessions) will be reviewed by two members of the Programme Committee. We will advise you of the outcome of your submission in early September.

Those asked to present will have until 9 October to make final amendments resulting from the reviewing process and to upload the final abstract, which will be included in the conference programme. Presentations (PowerPoint slides) will need to be received by 23 November.

**Criteria**

When reviewing, the Programme Committee will be asked to consider:

- Is the research based on longitudinal data?
- Does the research use longitudinal analysis (not cross-sectional)?
- What is the scientific quality of the paper, and is it interesting?
- Does the submission include key results?
- Does the paper fit with the overall conference theme and subject areas?
- Does the research use suitable methods?
- (If the research is not a cross-study comparison) has the author(s) considered the potential for future cross-study comparisons OR the challenges that would present?

**Subject Areas**

The Programme Committee is seeking submissions that explore the importance of early years, childhood and adolescence to later outcomes in the following subject areas:

- Health (including physical health, mental health and health behaviours)
- Parenting and families
- Socioemotional skills (i.e. non-cognitive skills)
- Education
- Labour market outcomes (including employment, unemployment, worklessness, career paths, wages, etc.)
- Longitudinal methodology
- Inequality (including but not limited to inequalities in gender, socioeconomic status, ethnicity)
- Genetics, epigenetics and environmental factors

*Please note that speakers will need to register for the conference and are responsible for their own registration fee (£50.00), travel and any other expenses incurred. A limited number of discounted student places will be available.*

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 27 JULY 2015**

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