



Wales Equality and Diversity in Health and Social
Care Research and Support Service

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Research News & Information

Ethnic Minority adolescents and sexual behaviour

Perspectives of Chinese British adolescents on sexual behaviour within their socio-cultural contexts in Scotland by *Juping Yu* - a recent research article published in *Diversity in Health and Social Care (2008) Volume 5 Number 3 pg 177-186*.

Abstract

Early sexual initiation and unwanted teenage pregnancy are issues of concern in many western countries. Adolescent sexual behaviour varies between different ethnic groups. However, little is known about the processes that produce such differences, particularly amongst Chinese British people. This paper reports the attitudes of Chinese British adolescents on sexual behaviour within their socio-cultural contexts. Using an ethnographic approach and snowball sampling, data were collected through in-depth interviews with 20 adolescents and 20 parents. Traditional sexual attitudes were common within the families and parental sexual values were found to be important. Similarities in sexual values and behaviour among friends were apparent, but differences were also found. Sexual knowledge acquired at school was thought necessary because a variety of barriers prevented parents from communicating sex-related topics effectively. However, the 'safe sex' strategy was criticised by parents, who thought sex education would work more effectively if it was provided within a moral context by teaching young people the option of sexual abstinence.

The paper suggests that the exploration of adolescent sexual behaviour within socio-cultural contexts is important for the development of greater culturally competent practice.

New Volunteering Research and Volunteering Studies

Over recent months the Institute for Volunteering Research has published a selection of volunteering documents including *Management matters: a national survey of volunteer management capacity and further findings from 'Helping Out' - the national survey of volunteering and charitable giving*. Also available are a range of volunteering studies which although are not Wales based, include many aspect that affect volunteering in Wales. For more information and to view copies, visit:

<http://www.ivr.org.uk/whats-new.htm>

Funding news

The WEDHS Joint Initiative Funding Scheme

The Wales Equality and Diversity in Health and Social Care Research and Support Service (WEDHS), offers a way to improve the health and wellbeing for black and minority ethnic (BME) people in Wales through an innovative programme of research and development. This scheme was established to benefit black and minority ethnic (BME) patients, service users and community groups in Wales. Support is provided to enable organisations with a health or social welfare remit to carry out activities that enhance the quality of social care within the BME community. Grants of between £350 and £500 are available for health-related projects, such as organising an information day, a seminar or a workshop, taking a group of people on an educational outing or producing guidance leaflets. **The deadline is 20th October**, visit:

<http://www.wedhs.org.uk/how%20we%20work/joint.php>
<<http://www.wedhs.org.uk/how%20we%20work/joint.php>>

ESRC Large Grants Scheme 2008/09

http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/largegrants2007.aspx

Closing date for applications: 14 October 2008

The Council's Research Grants Board is pleased to invite applications under the fourth round of the Large Grant Scheme. The Scheme is designed to provide for experienced researchers requiring longer term or extended support for research groups, inter-institutional research networks, linked-project programmes, medium-to-large surveys, other infrastructure or methodological developments, or any related larger scale projects where funding above the standard research grant of £1.5 million, and up to £5 million at 100% in full economic costs is required.

ESRC Follow-on Funding Scheme

http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/FoF.aspx

Closing date for first call: 8 January 2009

The Scheme provides follow-on funding for social scientists in the UK to undertake additional knowledge transfer and impact generation activities that can demonstrate the potential for significant economic, social, policy and/or practice benefit(s). Applications that seek to commercialise research and those from resources and methods research investments will also be eligible to apply.

MRC PROGRAMME GRANTS

Deadline for outlines for the current period are: 27th November 2008, 22nd April 2009 and 30th July 2009. Your proposal must be submitted through the MRC EAA system by 4pm on the relevant deadline date.

Programme grants provide larger, longer term (five years) and renewable programme funding. They aim to help the medical science community to 'think bigger'. A programme is defined as a coordinated and coherent group of related projects, which may be

to answer an inter-related set of questions across a broad scientific area. The expectation is that not all the questions will necessarily be answered within the tenure of the award. The programme may well be a continuation of current activity. For further information - <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/ApplyingforaGrant/AvailableGrants/ProgrammeGrants/MRC004804>

ADDICTION RESEARCH FUNDING STRATEGY- FIRST CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Deadline: 4pm, 19th November 2008

The Medical Research Council invites applications for its addiction research funding strategy-first call for research proposals. This call is for pilot/ proof-of-principle funding and focuses on making better use of the infrastructure that already exists and which could be further exploited to support innovative addiction research.

Infrastructure in this case refers to surveys, databases, cohorts, clinical networks and the like; also genotyping and brain imaging facilities. In the context of this call, addiction applies to illicit drug use, addiction to nicotine and abuse of alcohol and problem gambling. Applications are welcome from all members of established university-based staff and NIHR faculty members. Funding will be in the region of £100,000 to £300,000 on a full economic cost basis for up to two years.

<http://www.mrc.ac.uk/ApplyingforaGrant/CallsForProposals/Addiction/CallsSpecification/index.htm>

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

Programme Grants for **Applied Research programme**: fifth competition

The Programme Grants for Applied Research programme invites outline applications in all areas of applied health research from NHS organisations working with an academic partner.

Website: http://www.nihr.ac.uk/calls_for_proposals.aspx

Closing date for applications: 6 October 2008

The Leverhulme Trust - Various Opportunities

Title: 2009 Leverhulme Study Abroad Studentships

Summary: The Leverhulme Trustees, through their Research Awards Advisory Committee, are offering approximately 20 Studentships for a period of advanced study or research at a centre of learning anywhere in the world except the United Kingdom or the USA. Applications will be considered in all subject areas, but the awards are not intended for those who wish only to improve their knowledge of modern languages.

Sum: Studentships consist of maintenance allowance of £17,000 per annum, plus a return air fare to the country of tenure and a baggage allowance.

Deadline: 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 8 January 2009

Scheme link: [2009 Leverhulme Study Abroad Studentships](#)

Title: 2009 Leverhulme Research Fellowships

Summary: The Leverhulme Trustees are offering approximately 90 Research Fellowships in aid of original research. Applicants should be able to demonstrate an established track record in their chosen area of research. Applications will be considered in all subject areas.

Sum: The maximum value of a Fellowship is £45,000.

Deadline: 4.00 p.m. on Monday 10th November 2008

Scheme link: [2009 Leverhulme Research Fellowships](#)

Title: 2009 Leverhulme Study Abroad Fellowships

Summary: The Leverhulme Trustees are offering approximately 15 Study Abroad Studentships to provide a period overseas in a stimulating academic environment. Those who wish to dedicate a period abroad entirely to a piece of research should apply to the Trust's Research Fellowships scheme. Applications will be considered in all subject areas.

Sum: The maximum value of a Study Abroad Fellowship is £22,000 in total.

Deadline: 4.00 p.m. on Monday 10 November 2008
Scheme link: 2009 Leverhulme Study Abroad Fellowships

Title: 2009 Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowships

Summary: The Leverhulme Trustees are offering approximately 35 Emeritus Fellowships. The primary intention of the scheme is to support the facilitation, integration or completion of the applicant's own personal research output, rather than general further support for his or her research group or research assistants. Applications will be considered in all subject areas.

Sum: The value of a Fellowship depends on the nature and cost of the assistance sought, but the maximum total value is £22,000.

Deadline: 4.00 p.m. on Thursday 5 February 2009
Scheme link: 2009 Leverhulme Emeritus Fellowships

Events

Third Sector Research Centre - launch 23 October

The Third Sector Research Centre will be launched 23 October at an event in Birmingham. The Centre is co-funded by the ESRC, alongside the Office for the Third Sector (OTS) and the Barrow Cadbury Trust, with a joint investment of £10.25 million over the next five years. The Centre will conduct research and analysis to strengthen the evidence base for the entire third sector, including charities, social enterprises, cooperatives, mutuals and voluntary and community organisations.

The Diversity Awards Wales 2008

**BLACK VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK WALES
RECOGNISES AND CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENTS OF BLACK
AND MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES IN WALES**

The Black Voluntary Sector Network Wales (BVSNW) is proud and pleased to announce the launch of the Diversity Awards Wales 2008 and the Black History Month celebrations.

As the UK celebrates the fantastic achievements of Team GB, BVSNW will be hosting its prestigious annual ceremony to reward, recognise and celebrate the achievements of the multicultural communities of Wales in the field of cultural diversity.

The Olympic Games has shown the world the diversity that exists within Britain on the sports field and this is our opportunity for an equalities organisation to laud and applaud those individuals, communities and organisations throughout Wales that have contributed to the promotion of cultural equality and diversity and shown their commitment to best practice in these fields.

Previous winners in this annual event have included the Wales Equality and Diversity in Health & Social Care Research and Support Services (WEDHS), CHI – Community Helps itself, a community media organisation, Gaynor Legall, a pioneer in Race Equality and Wales' rugby player, Colin Charvis.

BVSNW is pleased to announce that they are receiving financial support from the Arts Council of Wales and Cardiff Council to support this prestigious event which takes place at Cardiff County Hall in Cardiff Bay on October 31st from 6pm.

Nomination forms are available online at www.bvsnw.org.uk or by telephoning 029 20 450068 or by email at info@bvsnw.org.uk.
Deadline for nominations is 5pm 10th October

Healthcare Alliances - Managing Children's Behaviour

Promoting Positive Parenting.

Event to be held on 9.10.08 at St Michaels College, Cardiff
To book a place please contact: Monica Dennis
Healthcare Alliances, Britannia House, 11 High Street,
Cowbridge, CF71 7AD, Tel 07811 159800, Fax 01446 774864
Email: mdennis@healthcarealliances.co.uk

Wales Voluntary Service Research Network Event

WCVA, Research Unit is holding a one-day conference of the Wales Voluntary Service Research Network (WVSRN) at the Holiday Inn, Cardiff on the **17 October, 2008**.

This is an opportunity that will bring together members of the WWSRN, and people who are interested in research within the third sector from voluntary organisations, academic institutions and government. Delegates will learn about the research on the third sector in Wales,

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A Capita Interactive Seminar: Disability Equality in Wales

Wednesday 22nd October 2008 – Cardiff

Seminar Leader: Rhian Davies, **Chief Executive**, Disability Wales

Capita's Disability Equality in Wales Seminar provides practical guidance and advice through a series of interactive sessions to help you build on your work in promoting and embedding disability equality throughout your organisation. With submissions of your year two progress reports due this December for formal scrutiny and the 2009 renewal deadline looming, now is the time to be reviewing your Disability Equality Scheme, assessing your current performance and prioritising future action. Take away practical guidance and gain confidence in how you can best move your scheme forward and meet future challenges in disability equality through expert led sessions, sharing best practice with your peers and participating in interactive group learning exercises.

Benefits of Attending:

- Learn key points to help you develop your progress report ready for the December deadline
- Improve your ability to monitor and review your existing Disability Equality Scheme to identify areas for improvement
- Hear how to develop better involvement practices for disabled people within your organisation

- Take away good practice from a cross section of Welsh public sector organisations sharing their experience and expertise in mainstreaming disability equality
- Take part in a practical workshop examining best practice in carrying out effective impact assessments

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To find out more about WEDHS, visit our website at www.wedhs.org.uk. Please contact Dr Susanah Kimani (skimani@glam.ac.uk) if you wish to include an item in the next bulletin.