



## ESRC funded PhD Studentship Opportunity

### Giving voice to children in family-centred work: co-producing an evaluation framework for the Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities Programme

#### Description

Professor Sarah Salway (Sociological Studies), Dr Liz Such (School of Health & Related Research) and Jabeer Butt (Race Equality Foundation) invite applications for a collaborative PhD award funded through the ESRC White Rose Doctoral Training Partnership. The research project will draw on theory and methods from social policy, social psychology and public health and be conducted in close collaboration with the Race Equality Foundation (REF)'s Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities programme.

The aims are to (i) critically review evidence on participatory research and co-production initiatives with children and young people (CYP) (with a focus on family support and parenting); (ii) work with CYP to co-produce an evaluation framework that embeds CYP's perspectives, (iii) pilot the framework within SFSC (iv) mobilise the knowledge generated within policy, practice and public stakeholder networks, to explore transferability. The project will require travel within the UK and some periods of time working at REF's London-based office.

#### Funding Notes

The award is open to EU/UK students and will cover fees, an annual stipend at the standard research council rate (the National Minimum Doctoral Stipend for 2018/19 was £14,777) (provided you have been resident in the UK for 3 years prior to the start date of the award), and a research allowance.

#### Entry Requirements:

Candidates must have a first or upper second class honours degree in a social science or health sciences. Candidates with a suitable social research-based Master's degree will be recruited directly to the PhD programme. Promising candidates who do not yet have the requisite research methods training will be recruited onto the MA Social Research for the first year, and subject to satisfactory performance, will then continue on to the 3 year PhD programme.

**Enquiries:** Interested candidates should in the first instance email Professor Sarah Salway, [s.salway@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:s.salway@sheffield.ac.uk)

More details about PhD study in the Department of Sociological Studies are available here:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socstudies/prospt/ppr/phd>

**How to apply:** Please complete a University Postgraduate Research Application form via the university online system: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgradapplication/>

You must clearly state the project title as above. Please also list Professor Sarah Salway as your proposed supervisor and indicate that you are applying for a university (WRDTP) studentship.

**Deadline for applications:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018