

Checkpoints for young people

STRATEGY Against Violence in Education (SAVE) has been awarded £30,000 by Birmingham LEA to investigate the effectiveness of Checkpoints for Young People, a self-auditing tool that is designed to promote non-violent behaviour in schools.

SAVE is a unique group that brings together representatives from education, counselling psychology, research and social policy. Team members include Helen Cowie, Dawn Jennifer and Julie Shaughnessy (Roehampton University of Surrey), George Varnava (Forum on Children and Violence) and Gill Frances (National Children's Bureau).

Helen Cowie explains: 'Seven Birmingham schools have signed up to take part in the project. Matched schools will act as controls but will receive the intervention in turn after one year. We identify "checkpoints" of the school through a form of needs analysis that



young people are trained to carry out themselves. They include home/school community, values, organisation, environment, curriculum, training. The young people who participate gain a valuable opportunity to explore issues around violence in their own school community, to implement interventions to promote non-violence and to reflect critically on the meaning of the values that underpin relationships in their school community.'

□ For further information, see www.savecircle.co.uk or www.peersupport.co.uk.

Like all sections of *The Psychologist*, 'Supporting research' depends on your contributions. E-mail Lisa Morrison on lismor@bps.org.uk with your tips, questions, work in progress – anything related to the research process that you think would be of interest to our wide audience.

RESEARCH REQUESTS

■ THE research for my MSc is concerned with **how couples have adjusted to the 'crisis' of long-term and unexplained infertility.**

A qualitative approach will be taken in the form of interviews with couples, support and counselling agencies.

I would like to make contact with couples experiencing long-term and unexplained infertility, infertility counsellors, and people involved in support groups. Any other contributions and information as to other research in this area would also be appreciated. Please contact me through e-mail initially: mary.younger@talk21.com

Mary Young

■ GOT half an hour to spare? I am looking for volunteers to answer an **online questionnaire on mobile phone use and text messaging.**

(<http://psy.plymouth.ac.uk/online/research/dr2>). You do not need to own a mobile phone to participate.

Donna Reid

University of Plymouth
donna.reid@students.plymouth.ac.uk

STUDY VISITS

For details of the ESRC scheme for postgraduate students to undertake a period of study at an overseas institution, see www.esrc.ac.uk/esrccontent/postgradfunding/OUVguidance/notes.asp. There is no deadline for the scheme, but applications should be submitted at least two months before the start date for the planned visit.

...work in progress...work in progress...work in progress...work in progress...

Specific language impairment: Cognitive, narrative and linguistic development (ESRC fellowship)

Nicola Botting (Human Communication and Deafness, University of Manchester. E-mail: nicola.botting@man.ac.uk).

My three main strands of investigation are an analysis of cognitive developmental patterns over time and in relation to first-degree relatives, leading to a theoretical examination of possible mechanisms underlying SLI, such as working memory; the creation of a new qualitative data set from raw narrative material, leading to an investigation into narrative development and its relationship to sentence-level processing; a thorough investigation of linguistic pathways and outcomes in relation to linguistic skill in first-degree

relatives, considering the possibility of subgroups of SLI and the changes in these over time.

Establishing the psycho-social needs of people affected by burns (Healing Foundation Fellowship)

Claire Phillips and Nichola Rumsey (Centre for Appearance Research, University of the West of England. E-mail: claire.phillips@uwe.ac.uk).

We are developing evidence-based recommendations for a psycho-social support programme. Both quantitative measures and a semi-structured interview will be used with in-patients and outpatients as they move through the burn care system, to establish their changing needs over time.

If you would like your recently funded research to feature in this column, contact Lisa Morrison on lismor@bps.org.uk with the funding body, amount awarded, period of funding, title, contact details and a clear summary of the project in under 50 words.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

listed by deadline

1 June 2003

APA. Distinguished Scientific Awards Programme. Contact: Suzanne Wandersman, Director of Governance Affairs. Tel: 00 1 202 336 5500; website: www.apa.org

NERC. Small research grants. Contact: Dr J.H. Baker. Tel: 01793 411564; website: www.nerc.ac.uk

Wellcome Trust. Engaging Science–Society Awards. Contact: Rebecca Christou, Grants Information Officer. Tel: 020 7611 8888; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

National Institute of Mental Health. Project grants on the impact of disaster. Contact: Farris Tuma. Tel: 001 301 443 5944; e-mail: ftuma@nih.gov; website: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-133.html>. Grants on mental disorders/retardation. Contact: David Stoff. E-mail: dstoff@nih.gov; website: <http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-028.html>. Grants on mental health service improvement. Contact: Karen Anderson Oliver. E-mail: koliver1@mail.nih.gov; website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-01-145.html>. Grants for psychopathology analyses. Contact: Karen Bourdon. E-mail: kbouardon@nih.gov; website: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-044.html>

Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour. Postgraduate conference grants; postgraduate and research workshops grants; and travel grants. Contact: Matthew Gage. E-mail: m.gage@uea.ac.uk; tel: 01603 592183

13 June 2003

Cancer Research UK. Education and psychosocial research projects and programme grants. Contact: Dr Lynn Turner. Tel: 020 7317 5178; e-mail: scientific@cancer.org.uk. Project grants. Contact: Dr Lynn Turner. Tel: 020 7317 5178; e-mail: scientific@cancer.org.uk

30 June 2003

Alcohol Education and Research Council. Research grants. Contact: Leonard Ha. Tel: 020 7217 8896

1 July 2003

NERC. Standard research grants. Contact: Dr J.H. Baker. Tel: 01793 411564; website: www.nerc.ac.uk

14 July 2003

BBSRC. Responsive research grants. Tel: 01793 413200; e-mail: research-grant.applications@bbsrc.ac.uk; website: www.bbsrc.ac.uk

National Alliance Research Schizophrenia and Depression. Young Investigator Award. Contact: Audra Moran. Tel: 00 1 516 829 0091; website: www.whsource.com/narsad.html

16 July 2003

Wellcome Trust. Advanced fellowships. Contact: Rebecca Christou, Grants Information Office. Tel: 020 7611 8888; website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

1 August 2003

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. Research grants for research on problems of violence, aggression and dominance. Contact: Program Officer. Tel: 00 1 212 644 4907; website: www.hfg.org

Nuffield Foundation. Project grants – outline applications. Contact: Anthony Tomei, Helen Quigley or Sharon Whitherspoon. Tel: 020 7631 0566; website: www.nuffieldfoundation.org

1 Feb 2004 (ongoing)

US National Institute on Aging. Research projects. Contact: Linda Whipp. Tel: 00 1 301 496 1472; e-mail: lw17m@nih.gov; website: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide.html>

open date schemes

See January issue (p.41).

See www.bps.org.uk/careers/funding.cfm for a searchable database of funding opportunities.

If you are a grant-awarding body, please e-mail Lisa Morrison (lismor@bps.org.uk) with details of your scheme for inclusion in this column.