The Department of Gender Studies will be hosting a public lecture entitled

Exploring the relationship between lone parents and paid work: cases studies in the UK

Speaker: Dr Annie Hughes - Kingston University London

Venue: VC Hall 101, Level 1, IT Services Building

Date: Tuesday 12th May 2015

Time: 17:30 till 19:30

The most significant transformation of the early twenty-first century in the UK is the movement to an economy in which employment participation is expected of all working age adults, regardless of their family status (McDowell, 2006). This is especially true of lone parents who have been encouraged, through workfare policies, to participate in the labour market; as well as fulfil their caring responsibilities. A new discourse of parenting (particularly mothering) has emerged which revolves around ideas of success and personal achievement based around, but not exclusively on, participation in paid employment (Pitt 2002). This paper explores the complex relationships between paid work and parenting for lone parents in the UK.

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The general public is cordially invited to attend this public lecture.

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About the Guest Speaker: Dr Annie Hughes is an Associate Professor in Human Geography at Kingston University. She is also a Senior Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy. She is the Course Director for the Geography Undergraduate Programmes at the Kingston University. She has a dedicated remit for improving the student experience and developing the teaching and learning strategies within her Geography School. She joined Kingston University in 1995 after completing a Ph.D. at Bristol University supervised by Professor Sarah Whatmore. Her main research interests fall within two main arenas. The first develops her interest in Ph.D. gender related issues in rural environments and the second which focuses on research into inclusive pedagogic practices. Her research has been supported by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), The British Academy (BA), the Royal Geographical Society (RGS) and the Higher Education Academy (HEA).