

# Children's workforce, social care and social pedagogy

## Doctoral Study

The Thomas Coram Research Unit (TCRU) is an internationally renowned, dynamic and multi-disciplinary research unit based at the Institute of Education, University of London. It offers high quality doctoral and post-doctoral supervision. Within the Unit there is a substantial team of researchers with expertise in the fields of social care, the children's workforce and social pedagogy, sometimes referred to as a field where care and education meet. For 2009-10, this team is looking to offer doctoral supervision to people interested in the following topics:

- Social pedagogy: theory, practice and the profession of the pedagogue;
- Social care, including care for looked-after, and for disabled children and young people;
- Children's workforce, including issues of gender.

**Peter Moss** heads the supervisory team. He has worked internationally on issues of early childhood education and care, and the reforming of these services and their workforces.

**Janet Boddy's** research ranges from local to cross-European studies, specialising in parenting and family support and the contribution of social pedagogy to work with children and young people in public care.

**Claire Cameron** has undertaken work about the children's workforce including men working with children, and children's welfare such as child protection and care leavers. She has particular expertise in social pedagogy and cross-border working.

**Sonia Jackson** has worked extensively with looked-after children and care leavers, with particular attention to their education in school and after.

**Pat Petrie** is Head of the Centre for Understanding Social Pedagogy (CUSP) and has specialised in comparative research in this area. Her relevant interests include play and care outside school time, the extended school, disabled children, their families and use of services, and looked after children.

**June Statham** has undertaken a wide range of research relating to family support services and the needs of disadvantaged or vulnerable children.

### Funding your doctoral studies

TCRU welcomes applications from students with a strong academic background (first or upper second class degree), who are self-funding or who wish to apply for support from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and other funding bodies.

Currently, the Institute of Education is awarded an annual quota of 1+3 (4 year) studentship grants by the ESRC. In order to meet the ESRC application deadline in early 2010, we would like to hear from interested doctoral students **as soon as possible**.

For further information about the Thomas Coram Research Unit, please visit our website: [www.ioe.ac.uk/tcru](http://www.ioe.ac.uk/tcru). The ESRC website provides details of the ESRC and joint ESRC/MRC Studentship schemes: [www.esrc.ac.uk](http://www.esrc.ac.uk).

If you would like more information or would like to informally discuss the possibility of joining TCRU as a doctoral student, please contact the TCRU Reception on +44 (0) 20 7612 6957 or via email: [tcrustudrec@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:tcrustudrec@ioe.ac.uk).