



Understanding and Supporting Families over Time: Research, Policy and Practice

A two day conference
Queen Elizabeth 11 Conference Centre, Westminster, London
13th - 14th June 2011

A collaboration between ESRC Timescapes, The Social Policy Association and the Family and Parenting Institute

This conference will bring together academics, policy makers and practitioners in the UK to explore how we may better understand and support families over time. It will draw on a growing body of evidence on the shaping of families through the life course, with a particular focus on the **Life chances of Children and Young People**, the **Dynamics of Parenthood and Family Life**, and **Older Lives and Times**

Day one of the conference, **Understanding Families over Time**, will present evidence from Timescapes and other key studies on changing lives and times across the generations, and will explore the implications of the findings for family policy. Speakers include Professors Paul Boyle, Fiona Williams, Kathleen Kiernan and Tess Ridge.

Day two of the conference, **Supporting Families over Time**, will explore the different ways in which public and third sector initiatives are supporting families with complex needs, including those living in poverty. A range of initiatives will be represented, from voluntary organisations such as Barnardos, Family Action, and Home Start, to the Government led Family Intervention Programmes and Family-Nurse Partnerships. The day will be introduced by Frank Field MP and Graham Allen MP and will culminate in a plenary session with Katherine Rake, Director of the Family and Parenting Institute.

