

# Developing innovative research with children and young people

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The reading list contains selected academic resources – for those who have access to such sources – and web resources. (A handy hint: academics are increasingly expected to make publications more available. It can be worth searching on google etc with the journal article's or book chapter's title, and see if you can find a next to final version online.)

Wherever possible, web resources are freely accessible. All web resources were checked as accurate as of 20.3.17

## Exploring 'creative' methods with children and young people

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### **Academic Journal Special Editions**

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- International Journal of Social Research Methodology (2012) Volume 15, Issue 2. Special issue: Creative Methods with Young People
- Exchanges: the Warwick Research Journal (2014) Volume 1, Issue 2, April  
<http://exchanges.warwick.ac.uk/index.php/exchanges/article/view/33/123>

### **Organisations and projects .. a starting point**

#### **Organisations and forums**

The Artlab – University of Westminster project looking at using creative and artistic activities as research tools. The website has lots of examples of creative research projects with children.

<http://www.artlab.org.uk/index.htm> (

Using lego/David Gauntlett

Lego Serious PlayProjects <http://www.artlab.org.uk/lego.htm>

Lego workshop for PhD students <http://davidgauntlett.com/events/lego-workshop-for-phd-students/>

The Children's Parliament contributes to our programme and has extensive experience of using creative methods in work with children.

<http://www.childrensparliament.org.uk/>

Creativity Portal (Scotland) - building links between creative arts and education in Scotland

<http://www.creativityportal.org.uk/>

Creative Scotland – national arts organisation for Scotland

<http://www.creativescotland.com/>

Imagine - Scottish based organisation focusing on children's theatre with annual international festival.

<http://www.imagine.org.uk>

IRISS Storybanks – storytelling for health and social care

<http://lx.iriss.org.uk/storybank>

Scottish Storytelling Centre - Scotland's national centre for storytelling. Runs extensive range of storytelling courses.

<http://www.tracscotland.org/>

Society for Storytelling - list of 'how to' guides and other resources

<http://www.sfs.org.uk>

Scottish Poetry Library – including a children's poetry collection and tips for introducing children to poetry.

<http://www.scottishpoetrylibrary.org.uk/learn>

Creative Research Methods

<http://creativeresearchmethods.wordpress.com/case-studies/>

### **Practical resources**

Digistories – a wiki all about creating and sharing digistories

<http://digistories.pbworks.com/>

Something Brilliant - ideas and resources for artists working with vulnerable children and young people.

<http://www.thamesvalleypartnership.org/somethingbrilliant/>

What are some good approaches to doing visual research methods with children?

<http://www.lse.ac.uk/media%40lse/research/EUKidsOnline/BestPracticeGuide/FAQ/FAQ-31.pdf>

Child protection and the arts: guidelines for Scotland

Creative Scotland and Children in Scotland (2014) *Creating Safety: Child Protection Guidelines for Scotland's arts, screen and creative industries*

<http://www.creativescotland.com/resources/professional-resources/guidance-and-toolkits/creating-safety>

### **Examples of creative projects**

Wendy Ewald « Literacy Through Photography Blog

A blog offering numerous examples of the use of photography in learning.

<http://www.digistories.co.uk/links.htm>

DigiStories UK

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANv1cttEl6g>

Children's Storytelling Tool - World Vision UK

[http://www.ted.com/talks/candy\\_chang\\_before\\_i\\_die\\_i\\_want\\_to.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/candy_chang_before_i_die_i_want_to.html)

Chandy Chang – “Before I die I want to...” Asking questions using public space.

Tim Brown – “Tales of Creativity and Play”

[http://www.ted.com/talks/tim\\_brown\\_on\\_creativity\\_and\\_play.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/tim_brown_on_creativity_and_play.html)

Thinking about identity boxes – David Gauntlett thinks through some of the practical issues of using this specific creative research method with young people

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0HH8MHQaSA>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtS24lqluq0> (methods)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q0pvPs4Ky2o> (findings)