

New Editors sought for the Open Space section of 'Families, Relationships and Societies'

The Editorial Management Board of 'Families, Relationships and Societies' (FRS) invites applications for the editorship of the journal's innovative Open Space section to run for a period of three years from January 2016, with possible renewable for a second two year term.

Families, Relationships and Societies (FRS) is a social science journal designed to advance scholarship and debate in the growing field of families and relationships across the life course. It explores family life, relationships and generational issues from interdisciplinary, social science perspectives, whilst maintaining a solid grounding in sociological theory and methods and a strong policy and practice focus. The title 'Families, Relationships and Societies' encompasses the fluidity, complexity and diversity of contemporary social and personal relationships and their need to be understood in the context of different societies and cultures.

More information about the journal can be found here:

http://www.policypress.co.uk/journals_frs.asp

Open Space

Open Space is a unique feature within the journal which provides an opportunity for debates across domains. It provides a dynamic space for critical engagement with contemporary debates, policy and practice initiatives, empirical research and recent publications in the fields of families, relationships and societies. This dialogic section draws together short pieces with different viewpoints on a topic, bringing authors into conversation with one another and providing up-to-date perspectives on local and global contexts.

Open Space editorship

New Open Space Editor/s are sought from January 2016. The new editor/s will have the opportunity to work with the current editors in the lead up to the handover. This is an exciting opportunity to help shape and develop this section over the coming 3-5 years. The Editorial Management Board work closely together, are very supportive and meet at least twice a year to help to inform future content of the journal.

Applications should address the following questions:

What you can bring to the journal in terms of your experience of working on other journals, your areas of relevant expertise, including in knowledge exchange and why you feel you meet the requirements of the role. How you will work together and divide tasks and responsibilities between the editors. If you are based in different institutions how will you ensure effective team working. If you are sole editor, how you propose to manage the workload. Please set out your vision for Open Space (in no more than 750 words), how you would like to see it develop over the next five years including new ways of eliciting and presenting the material.

Please include your CVs.

Interested parties are invited to contact the current Open Space editors, journal editors or the Chair of the Editorial Management Board for more information about the requirements of the role and an informal discussion.

Open Space editors: Jacqui Gabb - jacqui.gabb@open.ac.uk and David Morgan – morgdav389@aol.com

Journal editors: Tess Ridge – t.m.ridge@bath.ac.uk and Brid Featherstone – b.featherstone@open.ac.uk

Chair of the Editorial Board: Sarah Cunningham-Burley – sarah.c.burley@ed.ac.uk

Applications should be forwarded by email to Sarah Cunningham-Burley, Chair of the Editorial Management Board, no later than **30th October 2015**.

All applications will be considered by a sub-committee of the Board and we anticipate that the appointment will be made by **30th November 2015**.