

Children's burden or benefit?

Using young people to promote ideas of the future

A workshop for historians and civil society practitioners

3 September 2015, 9am-4pm
River Room, Strand Campus, King's College London
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9am: Coffee and registration

9.30am Welcome and overview: **Why children and the future?**

9.45-10.45am: **Children and a post-war future**

How were children mobilised to represent the future in the Second World War Britain? *Laura King, University of Leeds*

How did the Vichy government in Second World War France involve children in the pursuit of its goals? *Lindsey Dodd, University of Huddersfield*

General discussion

10.45-11.45am: **Children and charity campaigning**

Children and campaigning, *Matt Ruuska, War Child*

Storygathering for charities, *Catherine Raynor, Mileg1 founder and director*

11.45-12.15pm: Coffee and Q&A/general discussion

12.15-12.45pm: **Group discussions**

Small group discussion of emerging questions: how do children represent the future in the past and present, by whom, and why?

12.45-1.45pm: Lunch

1.45-3pm: **Future citizens? Children and gender roles**

What do toys tell us about children's roles in the British Empire in the wake of the Second Boer War (1899-1902)? *Vicky Crewe, University of Cardiff*

Gender training: what are toys and toy adverts teaching children about what it means to be a boy or a girl? *Jess Day, Let Toys Be Toys*

Girls' rights and campaigning in the UK and beyond, *Kerry Smith, Plan UK*

Q&A / general discussion

3-3.30pm **Group discussions**

Small group discussion of emerging questions: what consequences does the use of children have for them and us?

3.30-3.45pm: Coffee/Juice

3.45-4.15pm: **Reflection and next steps**

4.15-5pm: **Wine reception**

We have some bursaries for postgraduate students and non-profits wanting to attend this event. Please contact Laura King (l.king@leeds.ac.uk) if you would benefit from this scheme.

The workshop is part of [Agents of Future Promise](#), an AHRC-funded project that seeks to understand the causes and consequences of the ideological use of children in culture and politics in Britain and France, 1880-1950. Save the Children and War Child are partners in the project, with historians Dr Laura King (Leeds), Dr Vicky Crewe (Cardiff) and Dr Lindsey Dodd (Huddersfield).



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