We are delighted to welcome two distinguished international guest speakers for this symposium on participatory research methods – for the full programme see page 2

**Timo Ackermann** is a professor of Social Work at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences in Berlin. Prior to his academic career, he worked as a social worker with young people and their families. He then completed his Ph.D. in social and educational sciences at the University of Hildesheim. His current research focuses on child welfare and child protection. Timo Ackermann is particularly interested in qualitative and participatory research with young people and service users in the field of social work.

**Emily J. Ozer** is a clinical and community psychologist and Professor at the UC-Berkeley School of Public Health whose multi-method research focuses on the role of school climate in adolescent development and mental health; psychological resilience; school-based interventions; and youth participatory action research (YPAR). Much of Emily’s research has been conducted in collaboration with SF Peer Resources, a youth development CBO, and with the SF Unified School District.
Day 1 - 30 May 2024

9.30-10.00  Registration, Welcome (Prof Dirk Schubotz, SSESW)

10.00-11.30  Key Note: Prof Timo Ackerman (Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences, Berlin)

Experiences of participatory research in the field of social work: communicative space(s), silencing and the public sphere

11.30-12.00  Mid-morning break

12.00-13.00  Dr Paul McCafferty (SSESW)

Participatory research in action with children and young people

13.00-13.45  Lunch break

13.45-14.45  Dr Siobhán McAlister (SSESW)

Participation for Protection (P4P): Developing child-informed resources to enhance understanding of, and responses to, violence against children.

14.45-15.15  Comfort break

15.15-16.15  Dr Gillian McNaul (Ulster University) & Prof Shadd Maruna (SSESW)

Mainstreaming the Margins: Platforming and prioritising lived experience in prisons research

Day 2 - 31 May 2024

10.00-11.30  Key Note: Prof Emily J. Ozer (Berkeley School of Public Health)

Strengthening community-engaged research with youth and conditions to support it

11.30-12.00  Mid-morning break

12.00-13.00  Dr Montse Fargas Malet (SSESW)

Children and young people as theory-makers: A children’s rights-based approach to conceptualising children’s and young people’s understandings and experiences of respect and disrespect

13.00-13.45  Lunch

13.45-16.30  Workshop on using participatory research methods.

Planning. Data Collection. Analysis. Dissemination