



The Antislavery Early Research Association

Scholarship with Survivors Workshop

A Day of Conversation between Early Career Researchers and Survivors

University of Nottingham, UK

Saturday 20 October 2018

The workshop

Scholarship in the field of slavery and antislavery studies frequently relies upon and represents the experiences of survivors. Yet historically, this research has often failed to engage with, or even invisibilised, survivors themselves. Although commitment to ethical scholarship in this area is increasing, there is still a long road ahead. Standards and objectives vary dramatically, the place of different perspectives remains contested, and opening dialogue with affected persons can be extremely difficult – both for early career researchers and for survivors. Building upon the Survivor Alliance Town Hall in which UK-based survivors will convene to discuss priorities and policy objectives, this workshop will invite early career researchers to join the conversation.

The Scholarship with Survivors Workshop aims to provide a platform for open dialogue between early career researchers and survivors of contemporary forms of slavery. Throughout the day, we will consider what diverse areas of research have to offer to survivors, how survivors' perspectives can (and should) influence research, and the ways in which scholars and survivors can work together to produce and develop knowledge. By creating an informal environment in which knowledge is exchanged freely and equally, we seek to create an approach that abolishes the barrier between institution academia and survivor communities. The workshop will feature a presentation, panel session and Q&A with survivors, as well as thematic, roundtable discussions of selected focus areas, providing an opportunity for researchers to engage with survivors and one another.

Call for participants

We are issuing a call for participants in any field or discipline researching issues relating to slavery, antislavery, and human trafficking – both modern and historic. The workshop invites UK-based and international postgraduate and early career researchers and survivors to engage in discussion about their research and experiences, explore issues and approaches to ethical scholarship, and become part of a growing network of early career researchers working in the area.

If you wish to participate, please submit a summary of your research (350 words) and a short bio (300 words), both in accessible, non-academic language, to antislaverypgrn@gmail.com before **17 September 2018**. Limited travel funding will be available on application.

The Antislavery Early Research Association

The Antislavery Early Research Association brings together postgraduate students and early career researchers studying slavery and antislavery from across a range of disciplines working around the globe. The network provides opportunities to debate current topics in the field, to create research and learning networks, and to provide a supportive environment in which researchers can establish valuable contacts for the future.

Following on from the success of the Antislavery Usable Past Postgraduate Research Network events hosted in Hull, Brno and Liverpool from 2015-2017, we hope to carry this momentum forward into establishing a long-term forum to support and enable interaction between early career researchers in this field.

For more information, or if you would like to join the Network, please contact Hannah Jeffery, Rebecca Nelson and Katarina Schwarz at antislaverypgrn@gmail.com.

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