Collaborative Research and Consultancy

Our violence and society researchers work together with our partners to enhance solutions to interpersonal violence probing empirical, practical and theoretical links between violence and security through research, training and evaluations that put the victims of violence at the centre of solution focused work.

Our multidisciplinary team retains a focus on gender, generation and other sources of social division whilst tracing connections and associations that make women and men, girls and boys, children and older people safe and unsafe. We aim to empower victims and mitigate perpetrator behaviour to effect changes in formal and informal practices that are driven by a grounded approach and the latest advances in software development, social theory, measurement and ethics. Our work is accessible across a range of contexts and we work closely with law enforcement, local authorities, health and social care agencies and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

Benefits of Collaboration

- Access multidisciplinary, solution focussed research
- Tap into our broad networks and collaborate on joint initiatives
- Try out new ideas to reduce violence with experts at the leading edge of research in child protection and interpersonal violence
- Combine your service level data with us and our partners for broader, more in-depth analysis and wider impact

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Working in Partnership

Since 2000 we have provided research advice to government including the Home Office, Attorney General, Crown Prosecution Service, HM Treasury, Department of Health, Department of Trade and Industry, Government Equalities Office and the Equality and Human Rights Commission, international bodies including The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), UNDP, European Commission, European Parliament, European Presidencies, European Institute for Gender Equality, European Fundamental Rights Agency and the World Health Organisation and NGOs including Women’s Aid, Refuge, NSPCC and the Equality and Diversity Forum. We also work with local authorities, schools, social enterprises and charities.

As part of Security Lancaster our ability to draw on the expertise of academics from across the faculties of the university allows us to bring a wide range of disciplines to bear on security and protection issues. The combination of academic disciplines from Psychology, Computing and Communications, Social Science, Management, Politics, Sociology or Engineering enables Security Lancaster to innovate in flexible and pioneering ways.

Partnership Examples

• Child protection – ISIS is an EPSRC/ESRC funded project that developed software to detect adults masquerading as children online. It supported internet safety initiatives and worked closely with law enforcement. An app that helps children to identify who they are chatting to, Child Defence, was created in partnership with young people in local schools.

• Child care and comparative child welfare – we have substantial experience in comparative European social policy in child welfare through our involvement in European funded research collaborations, e.g. work on protective factors for human rights violations as part of the Coordination Action on Human Rights Violation (CAHRV) - a project involving 22 Universities across Europe funded by the European Commission, developing collaborative commissioning models for a children’s charity, tracking missing children with a local authority and research on violence against women and girls.

Violence and Society Co-Leads

Professor Corinne May-Chahal is Professor of Applied Social Science at Lancaster University and Co-Chair of The College of Social Work. Her current focus is on interdisciplinary research developing personal and practice technologies to protect children and young people, build resilience and enable management of risks in a digital world. This includes natural language analysis technologies, image analysis, large scale public engagement and participatory design projects with children, parents and teachers.

She has worked extensively on child protection in the UK and in Europe (Coordination Action on the Prevention of Child Abuse in Europe, CUPICSO – Control and Use of Personal Information on Child Sex Offenders, PANDORA – children’s views on confidentiality in different European jurisdictions and CAHRV – Coordination Action on Human Rights Violation). She sat on the DfE Munro Review Reference Group and continues this work as a member of the DfE Munro Review Implementation Working Group.

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