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1) Young Lives international conference: 25 to 27 March 2009

A 3-day conference to be hosted by Young Lives in March 2009 will look at the ways in which poverty affects children's lives and what governments and donors can do to address it. The conference will bring together an invited audience of 140 leading researchers, policymakers and practitioners from the Young Lives study countries and international organisations. A varied programme will highlight the direct consequences of poverty for children, as well as the life-course and intergenerational effects. Key findings from the conference will be published in a peer-reviewed book. A full report, abstracts of all presentations and recent publications will be published on a CD-ROM of conference proceedings, which will be available shortly after the conference.

The full conference programme is available here:

<http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/news-item-pdfs/Young%20Lives%20Conference-programme-22Jan2009.pdf> (PDF file 42 KB)

2) Young Lives Round 2 data archived with ESDS

Anonymised data for the Round 2 survey of Young Lives children and their households are now publicly available through the UK Economic and Social Data Service. The website gives access to data from Round 1 (2002) and Round 2 (2006) plus all the relevant documentation.

For further information on how to access the data:

<http://www.younglives.org.uk/news-folder/young-lives-round-2-data-archived-with-esds>

3) Young Lives awarded new DFID funding

Following a tendering competition the University of Oxford's Department of International Development is to be awarded Phase 4 of the Young Lives research programme due to start in July 2009 and to run until 2017.

More information is available here:

<http://www.younglives.org.uk/news-folder/young-lives-awarded-new-dfid-funding>

4) New Publications

We are delighted to announce the publication of nine new Working Papers, three Technical Papers and one Policy Brief on the Young Lives website.

Working Papers

Working Paper 46: Is There a Boy Bias in Household Education Expenditure? The case of Andhra Pradesh in India based on Young Lives data

To download: <http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/working-paper-pdfs/YL-WP46-Himaz.pdf> (PDF file 334 KB)

Working Paper 45: The Effect of Early Age Stunting on Cognitive Achievement among Children in Vietnam

To download: http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/working-paper-pdfs/YL-WP45_Duc.pdf (PDF file 337 KB)

Working Paper 44: The Impact of Parental Death on Schooling and Subjective Well-being: Evidence from Ethiopia using Longitudinal Data

To download: http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/working-paper-pdfs/YL-WP44_Himaz.pdf (PDF file 367 KB)

Working Paper 43: 'Becoming Somebody': Youth Transitions Through Education and Migration Evidence from Young Lives, Peru

To download: http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/working-paper-pdfs/YL-WP43_Crivello.pdf (PDF file 363 KB)

Working Paper 42: Does 'Improved' Sanitation Make Children Healthier?: Household Pit Latrines and Child Health in Rural Ethiopia

To download: http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/working-paper-pdfs/YL-WP42_Cameron.pdf (PDF file 353 KB)

Working Paper 41: Community Understandings of Children's Transitions in Ethiopia: Possible Implications for Life Course Poverty

To download: http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/working-paper-pdfs/YL-WP41_TafereCamfield.pdf (PDF file 446 KB)

Working Paper 40: Productive Safety Net Programme and Children's Time Use between Work and Schooling in Ethiopia

To download: <http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/working-paper-pdfs/Working%20Paper%2040.pdf> (PDF file 772 KB)

Working Paper 39: The Formation and Evolution of Childhood Skill Acquisition: Evidence From India

To download: <http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/working-paper-pdfs/YL-WP38.pdf> (PDF file 660 KB)

Working Paper 48: 'Children With a Good Life Have to Have School Bags': Diverse Understandings of Well-being Among Older Children in Three Ethiopian communities

To download: <http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/working-paper-pdfs/YL-WP37.pdf> (PDF file 441 KB)

Technical Notes

Technical Note 15. Psychometric Characteristics of Cognitive Development and Achievement Instruments in Round 2 of Young Lives

To download: <http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/technical-notes-pdfs/YL-TN15-Cueto.pdf> (PDF file 378 KB)

Technical Note 14. Conceptualising and Measuring Children's Time Use: A Technical Review for YL.

To download: <http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/technical-notes-pdfs/YL-TN14-Vogler.pdf> (PDF file 255 KB)

Technical Note 13. Business as Usual? The Global Political Economy of Childhood Poverty

To download: <http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/technical-notes-pdfs/YL-TN13-BusinessAsUsual.pdf> (PDF file 424 KB)

Policy Brief

Policy Brief No. 6: Impacts of Social Protection Programmes in Ethiopia on Child Work and Education

To download: http://www.younglives.org.uk/pdf/publication-section-pdfs/policy-briefs/YL_PB6_Social_Protection_Eth.pdf (PDF file 89 KB)

5) News

The Young Lives team is currently pilot-testing the surveys for Round 3 of the longitudinal data collection in Ethiopia, India, Peru and Vietnam. The pilot studies include several days of fieldworker training to deepen their understanding of the survey objectives and to get their feedback on the instruments. Then the surveys are field-tested with children and adults in urban and rural communities in the four Young Lives study countries. Findings from the pilot studies will be used to develop the final versions of the survey instruments. The third round of the data collection will take place between July 2009 and February 2010.

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