

Young Lives, child poverty and lessons for the SDGs

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WELCOME

Young Lives is an ambitious longitudinal research study that was set up just after the millennium with the express aim to follow the same children growing up in Ethiopia, India, Peru and Vietnam, and by doing so to examine what mattered most in their lives.

This conference marks the completion of the first 15 years of the study. We invite you today to join us in a unique opportunity to share and debate the study findings so far, and help outline what governments and donors can do to address the disadvantages children face.

The context is a significant one: the current generation of young people represents the largest cohort of youth in history – with more than 4 in 10 people across the globe now under 25 years old. This generation is growing up during a period of remarkable change and will confront some of the biggest challenges humanity is facing in the 21st century. However, as the United Nations observed in 2016, their future is widely compromised by the failure to empower them to achieve their potential.

Recognising this, children and young people are at the very core of the 2015-2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which act as a platform for global policymakers and practitioners to address the needs of the most disadvantaged around the world. International estimates show that children are typically half of all of those people who are poor, and research shows how sensitive childhood is as a period of human development. Despite that, children and youth remain too often invisible in social statistics and neglected in policy processes. Young Lives is uniquely placed to address critical gaps in knowledge around children and adolescents living in poverty.

Today's conference is structured around a core of panel discussions, mixed with interactive group sessions focused on current challenges and policy questions, and offering a cast of multimedia presentations of Young Lives data and findings.

The day will situate current evidence on the drivers and impacts of child poverty within the wider academic discourse, child development agenda and current policy debates. Together, as leaders from government, international organisations, practitioners from a range of child-focused development organisations, and policymakers, we will engage in lively debate and exchange of ideas to reflect on lessons for the SDGs.

It is now widely understood that child poverty is multidimensional in both its causes and consequences. But, for me, the most interesting question is how it manifests, what are the channels that disadvantage children, and how can policy and programming ensure change. With that in mind, some of the areas I hope we will be discussing include:

- Increased access to education is not synonymous with equitable learning. Young Lives has explored why this might be the case, so how can these insights support global efforts to address this crisis in learning?
- There is consensus over the importance of the early years, particularly the first 1,000 days of life. Young Lives adds that early gains have to be sustained and some growth recovery can happen later, with wider benefits for children. What then does this suggest for later opportunities to support and sustain child development?
- Young Lives evidence aims to identify when and how gender disadvantages emerge and how these often intersect with poverty. Notably, adolescence is positioned as a second window of opportunity to redress gendered and developmental poverty trajectories. How can policy and programming capitalise on that second window?

We are delighted that you are here to join us in these conversations.

Professor Jo Boyden, Director of Young Lives

PROGRAMME

9:00–9:30 Registration

9:30–9:35 Welcome Jo Boyden, *Director, Young Lives*

9:35–9:45 Opening remarks Louise Richardson, *Vice-Chancellor, University of Oxford*

9:45–9:55 Introduction Stefan Dercon, *Professor of Economic Policy, Blavatnik School of Government*

9:55–10:55 Child Development Panel: Can we provide food for life and effective education for all?

Chair: **Martin Woodhead**, *Associate Research Director, Young Lives*

Panellists: **Siobhan Crowley**, *Director, Strong Start, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)*

Andrew Dawes, *Professor Emeritus, Cape Town University*

Renu Singh, *Country Director, Young Lives India*

10:55–11:20 Break

11:20–12:20 Child Protection Panel: How do we best support young people in situations of adversity?

Chair: **Santiago Cueto**, *Country Director, Young Lives Peru*

Panellists: **Tanya Barron**, *Chief Executive Officer, Plan International UK*

Alula Pankhurst, *Country Director, Young Lives Ethiopia*

Cornelius Williams, *Associate Director and Global Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF*

12:20–12:30 Round-up remarks and introduction to World Café interactive discussions

12:30–13:20 Lunch

13:20–15:05 World Café

13:20 – 14:10 Session 1

14:10 – 14:15 Changeover

14:15 – 15:05 Session 2

15:05–15:30 Break

15:30–15:40 Reflections from the World Café Gordon Alexander, *Young Lives International Advisory Board*

15:40–16:00 Keynote AK Shiva Kumar, *Co-Chair, Know Violence in Childhood*

16:00–16:10 Special Address Harriett Baldwin, *Minister of State, Department for International Development*

16:10–17:20 Child Poverty Panel: Tracing the consequences and changing the outcomes

Chair: **Helen Pearson**, *Chief Magazine Editor, Nature*

Panellists: **Jo Boyden**, *Director, Young Lives*

Rachel Glennerster, *Chief Economist, Department for International Development*

Richard Morgan, *Director, Child Poverty Global Theme, Save the Children*

17:20–17:30 Closing Remarks

17:30–18:30 Drinks reception

WORLD CAFÉ SESSIONS

Six simultaneous discussion sessions will be held two times over the course of the World Café. Participants are asked to attend the two sessions they registered for (stated on your name badge).

Sessions are based on the following topics:

Education – How do you realise quality with equity?

- Angela Little, International Advisory Board, Young Lives
- Caine Rolleston, Lead Education Researcher, Young Lives

Nutrition – What are the biggest challenges and opportunities to improve nutrition across childhood?

- Lynnette Neufeld, Director of Knowledge Leadership, GAIN
- Mary Penny, Co-Principal Investigator, Young Lives Peru

Gender and adolescence – What are the gender dynamics of adolescence?

- Perna Banati, Chief of Programmes and Planning, UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti
- Gina Crivello, Senior Research Officer, Young Lives

Labour market transitions – What does preparing young people for the 21st century labour market look like?

- Marta Favara, Senior Research Officer, Young Lives
- Nguyen Thang, Country Director, Young Lives Vietnam

Social protection in child development – What are priorities in social protection for children's wellbeing and development?

- Sarah Cook, Director, UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti
- Paul Dornan, Senior Policy Officer, Young Lives

Child Protection (children's experiences of violence and of work) – How do we create safe and supportive environments for children without doing harm?

- Ginny Morrow, Research Associate, Young Lives
- Kirrily Pells, Lecturer in Childhood, UCL Institute of Education

SPEAKER AND SESSION LEAD BIOGRAPHIES

Gordon Alexander

International Advisory Board, Young Lives

Gordon Alexander is currently a consultant on social and economic policy and strategic planning. Until December 2013, Gordon was Director of UNICEF's Office of Research based in Florence, Italy. Before that he was Senior Adviser for Social Policy in the UNICEF Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). He previously headed the first UNAIDS office in New Delhi, and worked for many years with UNICEF in India, Afghanistan, Vietnam and Yemen.

Harriett Baldwin

Minister of State, Department for International Development

Harriett Baldwin was appointed as Minister of State for Africa at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Minister of State at the Department for International Development on 9 January 2018. She was elected as the MP for West Worcestershire in May 2010, where she has lived since 2006. Harriett was appointed to become the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Russia before joining the government in February 2014 as Assistant Government Whip. She was promoted to Lord Commissioner in July 2014 and served in that post until May 2015. Harriett served as Economic Secretary to the Treasury (City Minister) from May 2015 until July 2016. She then served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence from July 2016 to January 2018.

Perna Banati

Chief of Programmes and Planning, UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti

Perna Banati is a senior advisor specialising in research-led policy development with 20 years of international development experience with the United Nations and other international organizations. Currently, as Chief of Programmes at UNICEF's Office of Research-Innocenti, she coordinates the global adolescent research programme. Before this role, she was a Takemi Fellow at Harvard University School of Public Health. She has previously worked at the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and malaria and at the World Health Organization. Before WHO, she was based in South Africa leading research on adolescent HIV prevention. She has authored a number of publications in the fields of adolescent wellbeing, HIV prevention, reproductive health, migration and health, including co-editing the "Handbook of Adolescent Development Research and its Implications for Global Policy" published by Oxford University Press in 2018.

Tanya Barron

Chief Executive Officer, Plan International UK

Tanya Barron started out as a special needs teacher, then a lecturer in Politics and Philosophy, and in 1989 joined VSO, becoming their Head of Programmes for Eastern Europe and the CIS.

After three years with the European Children's Trust, in 1999 she was appointed as the first CEO of Home-Start International. During this period she was seconded to Brussels to manage a grant-making facility for the European Commission. From 1995-2002 Tanya was the Chair of the UNICEF NGO Committee for CEEC/CIS in Geneva. Tanya was appointed as International Director at Leonard Cheshire Disability (LCD) in 2004. She has co-authored various papers and edited two LCD books, "Disability and Inclusive Development" and "Poverty and Disability". She became Chief Executive of Plan UK in January 2013. In 2003 Tanya was given the European Woman of Achievement (Humanitarian) award and in 2016 was made an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for helping to provide safe education for girls internationally.

Jo Boyden

Director, Young Lives

Jo Boyden is an anthropologist and Director of Young Lives, and a Professor in the Department of International Development at the University of Oxford. Since 2005, her work with Young Lives has focused on children's experiences of poverty, particularly the relationship between poverty and other forms of childhood risk, the political and economic processes that underpin the distribution of risk, the role of subjective perceptions in mediating outcomes, and children's contributions to household risk reduction. Her previous research centred on child labour and children living with armed conflict and forced migration.

Sarah Cook

Director, UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti

Sarah Cook is the Director of the UNICEF Office of Research-Innocenti based in Florence, Italy. She was previously Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) in Geneva, and a Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex. She has led multi-disciplinary research with a focus on economic and social policy, particularly in China. Sarah received her PhD from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and an M.Sc. in Social Policy in Developing Countries from the London School of Economics.

Gina Crivello

Senior Research Officer, Young Lives

Gina Crivello is a Senior Research Officer, having joined Young Lives in 2006 after completing her PhD in Anthropology from the University of California. Leading the theme on Gender, Adolescence and Youth, her current research explores the dynamics of gender inequality in the second decade of life and in transitions to adulthood. Gina leads on the qualitative research within Young Lives, including a longitudinal component tracking 200 children in four countries across a seven-year period, and on developing methods and ethical approaches for engaging multiple generations in policy-relevant social research.

Siobhan Crowley

Director, Strong Start, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF)

Siobhan Crowley is the Executive Director for Strong Start at CIFF. She has over 30 years' work experience

improving health care services for children in Africa, Asia and the UK. Siobhan joined ClIFF from leading the Health team at ELMA Philanthropies. Prior to that, Siobhan was Chief of Health & Nutrition for UNICEF in South Africa, and led the HIV care and treatment work at WHO, with a focus on children and accelerating access to essential drugs and diagnostics. With over 15 years in senior technical and managerial positions with WHO, UNICEF and Philanthropy, Siobhan has an excellent understanding of health systems at sub national, national and the global level. She has solid country experience in Europe, Asia and Africa – with time in strategic and technical roles. Siobhan trained as a medical doctor in London, and is an accredited Consultant Physician, with advanced qualifications in pharmacology, health education, public health evaluation and infectious diseases.

Santiago Cueto

Country Director, Young Lives Peru

Santiago Cueto is the Country Director for Young Lives Peru, and leads their policy and communications work. He is Research Director at GRADE in Lima, specialising in education. In 2010, he received the National Award in Psychology by the Professional Board of Psychologists in Peru. He has been a visiting researcher at the Universities of California (Davis) and Oxford, and a consultant for international organisations such as the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and UNESCO and was a member of their Global Education Monitoring Report advisory board. Aside from his position at GRADE, Santiago is also a Professor at the Catholic University in Lima and a member of the National Council of Education in Peru.

Andrew Dawes

Professor Emeritus, Cape Town University

Andrew (Andy) Dawes is Associate Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychology at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and a Research Associate with Young Lives. He is a clinical and applied developmental psychologist. Andy was co-founder of the UCT Children's Institute, and later Research Director in South Africa's Human Sciences Research Council, where he was responsible for research on child rights and protection and early development. He was elected a Fellow of the Association of Psychological Science (APS) in 2010. Andy has conducted policy relevant research on child rights and protection and early

development. He is currently engaged in research on early learning programme effectiveness in South Africa. His work in Young Lives includes longitudinal analyses of language and mathematical abilities at age 15 in the four Young Lives study countries. He has extensive experience in translating research to policy in the Southern African context.

Stefan Dercon

Professor of Economic Policy, Blavatnik School of Government

Stefan Dercon is Professor of Economic Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government and the Economics Department, and a Fellow of Jesus College, University of Oxford. He is also Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies. Between 2011 and 2017, he was Chief Economist of the Department for International Development (DFID), the government department in charge of the UK's aid policy and spending. In this position, he provided strategic advice, and was responsible for ensuring the use of evidence in decision making. Before joining the University of Oxford, he held positions at the University of Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), the Catholic University of Leuven, and WIDER (Helsinki), part of the United Nations University. His latest book, "Dull Disasters? How Planning Ahead Will Make A Difference", was published in 2016, and provides a blueprint for renewed application of science, improved decision making, better preparedness, and pre-arranged finance in the face of natural disasters.

Paul Dorman

Senior Policy Officer, Young Lives

Paul Dorman leads on engagement with policy communities to develop the Young Lives evidence base and arguments in order to ensure these are relevant and effectively communicated to influence policy debates. His research interests are in the causes and consequences of child poverty over the life course and poverty reduction policies, including social protection. Before joining Young Lives he was head of policy and research for The Child Poverty Action Group. He has a PhD in Social Policy from the University of York.

Marta Favara

Senior Research Officer, Young Lives

Marta Favara is a micro-economist investigating child and youth human development through a micro behavioural lens. She joined the Young Lives team in

2015 and is leading the quantitative research agenda. She is also part of the Young Lives data visualization team, shaping their development and research scope. Before joining Young Lives, she worked as an economist at the World Bank (Young Professionals Programme) in the Poverty, Inequality and Gender Unit for the Latin America and Caribbean Region and in the Education Unit for the Africa Region. She worked on several projects, leading policy-relevant research, policy and survey design and impact evaluations.

Sam Gibson

Facilitator

Sam Gibson is the facilitator for the Young Lives conference. She is a social development specialist with 20 years' of programme, policy and research experience. Sam travels regularly for assignments in Africa, Asia and the Pacific. She grew up in Alaska, is now Bristol-based, and has three noisy kids, two of them teenagers.

Rachel Glennerster

Chief Economist, Department for International Development (DFID)

Rachel Glennerster is Chief Economist at the Department for International Development. Previously she was the Executive Director of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) and the lead academic for Sierra Leone at the International Growth Centre, a research centre based jointly at The London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of Oxford. Her current research includes randomized evaluations of community driven development in Sierra Leone, empowerment of adolescent girls in Bangladesh, and health, education, and microfinance in India. Rachel has previously worked as an Economic Adviser to HM Treasury, a Development Associate at the Harvard Institute for International Development, and as a Senior Economist at the International Monetary Fund.

A K Shiva Kumar

Co-Chair, Know Violence in Childhood

AK Shiva Kumar (Shiv) is a development economist and policy adviser who works on issues related to human development including poverty, health, nutrition, basic education, and the rights of women and children. He is Co-Chair of the Know Violence in Childhood global learning initiative that has synthesised evidence to

advocate for preventing and ending violence. He is a visiting faculty member at Ashoka University, India and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Shiv has been a regular contributor to UNDP's Human Development Reports and National Human Development Reports. He is also the co-editor of the "Handbook of Human Development" and "India's Children: Essays on Social Policy" — both published by Oxford University Press.

Angela Little

International Advisory Board, Young Lives

Angela Little is Professor Emerita and was Professor of Education and International Development for 24 years at the Institute of Education (IoE), University of London. Between 2006 and 2011, she directed the work of the IoE team in the Consortium for Research on Educational Access and Transitions in Education (CREATE). She is an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences of the UK, and has served as the President of the British Association of International and Comparative Education (BAICE), as co-Director of the International Centre for Research on Assessment at the IoE, and as Commissioner for the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission.

Richard Morgan

Director, Child Poverty Global Theme, Save the Children

Richard Morgan is the global Director of the Child Poverty Theme for Save the Children. He is the co-founder and co-leader of the Global Coalition to End Child Poverty. Previously, Richard was the Senior Adviser on the Post-2015 Development Agenda at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), responsible for promoting children's rights and equity in the formulation of the Post-2015 Agenda and the SDGs. Prior to working with Save the Children, Richard was the Deputy Director and then Director of Policy and Practice at UNICEF from 2002-2012, responsible for organisational standards and practice in the areas of gender equality, children's rights, reaching marginalised populations, child and youth participation and communication for development. He also led UNICEF's work on child-sensitive social protection, social statistics and advocacy for child-focused, pro-poor social and economic policies.

Virginia Morrow

Research Associate, Young Lives

Virginia (Ginny) Morrow joined Young Lives in January 2011 as Deputy Director. Her research focuses on children's work, violence against children, sociological approaches to the study of childhood and children's rights, the ethics of social research with children, children's understandings of family and children, and 'social capital'. She has published extensively, and has been a member of numerous Advisory Groups and Research Ethics Committees. She was a co-editor of "Childhood: A Journal of Global Child Research" from 2006 to 2016. Ginny's research interests include methods and ethics of research with children, violence affecting children, food practices in relation to children and how hunger affects children, the history and sociology of child labour/children's work, and children's rights.

Lynnette Neufeld

Director of Knowledge Leadership, GAIN

Lynnette Neufeld is Director of Knowledge Leadership (KL) at the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and a member of the Senior Management Team. She is President-elect of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences, and from 2010 to 2017 was Chair of the Steering Committee of the Micronutrient Forum. Before joining GAIN in 2013, Dr Neufeld led the Micronutrient Initiative's efforts to identify, develop and support strategic research related to diverse aspects of nutrition programs. From 1998 to 2009, she was Director of the Division of Nutritional Epidemiology at the National Institute of Public Health (INSP) in Mexico where her research focused on improving the effectiveness of interventions to promote the health, growth, and development of children from disadvantaged populations in Mexico and Latin America.

Alula Pankhurst

Country Director, Young Lives Ethiopia

Alula Pankhurst is a social anthropologist and joined Young Lives as Ethiopia Country Director in 2009. His role involves coordinating Young Lives research work in Ethiopia and leading on topics including urban relocation, child work, early marriage and violence against children. Previously, he worked in the Wellbeing in Developing Countries project at the University of Bath, and is also a lead researcher for WIDE, a longitudinal study of community change in rural

Ethiopia. Alula's research interests include migration and displacement, poverty and well-being, community change, food security and social protection, and children and youth development. He has been involved in policy dialogue on child marriage and FGM, early childhood and youth development. Alula is a founding member of the Child Research and Practice Forum, Board member of the Ethiopian Society of Sociologists, Social Workers and Anthropologists, and Board Chair of the Forum for Social Studies.

Helen Pearson

Chief Magazine Editor, Nature

Helen Pearson is a science journalist, editor and author. As Chief Magazine Editor for Nature, the world's leading science journal, she oversees all its journalism and opinion content. Her own stories have won accolades including the Wistar Institute Science Journalism Award and two best feature awards from the Association of British Science Writers. Helen's popular science book, "The Life Project", which tells the story of the British birth cohorts, was published in 2016 to critical acclaim. It was named best science book of the year by The Observer, was a book of the year for The Economist, was longlisted for the Orwell Prize and Highly Commended in the British Medical Association book awards 2017. Helen has a degree in natural sciences from the University of Cambridge and a PhD in genetics.

Kirrielly Pells

Lecturer in Childhood, UCL Institute of Education

Kirrielly Pells is Lecturer in Childhood at UCL Institute of Education. Her research and teaching are in the field of childhood studies and her work concerns global childhoods and children's rights especially in relation to poverty, development, violence and conflict. Her PhD (London) focused on the lives of children and young people in the aftermath of conflict, with a case study of Rwanda. Kirrielly is a Research Associate with Young Lives where she worked from 2010-2015. She leads the research and policy engagement stream on children's experiences of violence, including partnering with UNICEF Office of Research and the Know Violence in Childhood global learning initiative, and collaborates with the Ethiopian team on the sub-study on 'Addressing Violence Affecting Children through strengthening research, policy and practice in Ethiopia and beyond,' funded by Oak Foundation.

Mary Penny

Co-Principal Investigator, Young Lives Peru

Mary Penny is a trained British physician who worked in the NHS for many years before moving to Peru in the 1980s to research malnutrition, diarrhoea and the microflora of the intestine. Since 1989 onwards, she has continued research mainly in nutrition and infectious diseases. Currently, Mary is involved in HPV vaccine clinical trials in the community; health services research, a longitudinal study of long term consequences of nutrition additions to complementary foods for infants; and the nutrition, health and growth aspects, as well as the fieldwork, for Young Lives. She has been Director General of the Instituto de Investigación ó Nutricional since 1999 to the present. She is also a Corresponding Member of the Faculty at Harvard Medical School, and was awarded an MBE in 2013.

Professor Louise Richardson

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Vice-Chancellor, University of Oxford

Professor Louise Richardson is Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford. She previously served as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St Andrews. A political scientist by training, Professor Richardson received a BA in History from Trinity College, Dublin, an MA in Political Science from UCLA, and an MA and PhD in Government from Harvard University. Professor Richardson's research specialises in international security with a particular emphasis on terrorist movements. Her work has been widely recognised through the awarding, amongst others, of prizes such as the Sumner Prize for work towards the prevention of war and the establishment of universal peace. She also holds a number of honorary doctorates. Professor Richardson serves on several not-for profit boards including the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Booker Prize Foundation.

Caine Rolleston

Lead Education Researcher, Young Lives

Caine Rolleston is Lead Education Researcher for Young Lives, and Senior Lecturer in Education and International Development at University College London. Caine's research interests include analysis of education systems in low- and middle-income countries, including on school quality and effectiveness, educational access and equity. He is currently engaged

in three major funded research projects (i) ESRC's Critical Thinking in Higher Education in Africa, (ii) DFID's Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE) and (iii) Young Lives.

Renu Singh

Country Director, Young Lives India

Renu Singh is Country Director for Young Lives India. A trained Montessorian, special educator and educational psychologist, she has managed a school in Dubai, directed the School of Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Delhi, been a member of Save the Children India Senior Management, and Visiting Professor to the Centre for Early Childhood Development & Research, Jamia Millia Islamia University. She has provided technical and strategic leadership to 'Exchange of International Best Practices Leading to Innovation in SSA', working with education departments of seven states of India as well as to REACH-India on Whole School Development. She sits on various expert committees and governing bodies, and was part of the working group responsible for drafting the 2013 National Policy of Early Childhood Care and Education. She has published widely, and her main areas of interest remain gender, early childhood and inclusion.

Nguyen Thang

Country Director, Young Lives Vietnam

As Country Director of Young Lives Vietnam, Thang provides guidance to the Vietnam team on how to situate Young Lives in the overall country context, and engages with senior policymakers in Vietnam and international scholars. Thang is based at the Centre for Analysis and Forecasting, Viet Nam Academy of Social Sciences (CAF-VASS).

Cornelius Williams

Associate Director and Global Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF

Cornelius Williams is Associate Director and Global Chief of Child Protection for UNICEF's Programme Division. He has over 25 years of experience in managing child protection programmes in Western, Eastern and Southern Africa with UNICEF and Save the Children. He has played a leading role in coordinating UNICEF's engagement with governments and other partners in the development of programmes for the prevention and response to violence against children in countries in Eastern and Southern Africa. He is

a national of Sierra Leone and holds a Masters Degree in International Child Welfare from the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom.

Martin Woodhead

Associate Research Director, Young Lives

Professor Martin Woodhead is Associate Research Director of Young Lives. His multi-disciplinary background encompasses theoretical and empirical research in early childhood development, education and care, as well as child labour and children's rights, with a strong emphasis on policy focussed, international research. Martin is Emeritus Professor of Childhood Studies at The Open University, where he was based from 1977-2013 and pioneered interdisciplinary teaching in Childhood and Youth Studies. He was Special Adviser to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, in preparation of General Comment 7: Implementing Child Rights in Early Childhood (2005) and led on the preparation of the UN Secretary General's Status of the UNCRC report of August 2010 to General Assembly 65. Martin is also Vice-Chair of UNICEF UK's Board of Trustees, and Chair of the Open Society Foundations' Early Child Program Advisory Board.

YOUNG LIVES PUBLICATIONS AND DATA RESOURCE

Following is a list of the key summative materials showcased at this conference, as well as related publications, multimedia and data, all of which are available on the Young Lives website:

KEY PUBLICATIONS

Thematic

- Growth and Nutrition
Early is best but it's not always too late
- Labour Market
No longer children: What do Young Lives children do when they grow up?

- Violence
Children's experiences of violence
- Work
Responding to children's work

Country-specific

- *Young Lives Ethiopia: Lessons from longitudinal research with the children of the Millennium*
- *Reaching the last child: Evidence from Young Lives India*
- *What have we learned from the Young Lives study in Peru?*
- *Leaving no one behind in a growing Vietnam*

Discussion papers on:

- Adolescence
- Education
- Tracing the consequences of childhood poverty

Impact case studies including:

- Creating a world class resource of multi-country longitudinal data
- Influencing design of other studies
- Nutrition, growth and potential for recovery
- Providing evidence on violence affecting children
- School effectiveness and equity for poor children

MULTIMEDIA

- Data visualisations
- Photo exhibition
- Animation

DATA

Young Lives shares data and all its instruments and technical documents through the UK Data Archive, accessible here: <https://discover.ukdataservice.ac.uk/series/?sn=2000060>

Archiving the survey data is a legacy for future generations of researchers, providing insights into child development during the early decades of the 21st century.

ABOUT YOUNG LIVES

Young Lives is an innovative longitudinal study following the lives of 12,000 children in Ethiopia, India (in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana), Peru and Vietnam over 15 years. It provides unique evidence on the drivers and impacts of child poverty, to inform policy and programme design and improve the lives of poor children and their families. Young Lives is recognised internationally as one of the few studies taking a holistic approach to children living in poverty.

The research team follows two groups of children – a Younger Cohort born in 2001-02, and an Older Cohort born in 1994-95. This enables both a comparison of the same children at different ages, as well as different children at the same age, to determine how their lives and communities have changed over time.

Conducting the study simultaneously in four countries enables Young Lives to report on trends, explore how patterns are similar or different across those countries, and make comparisons that are relevant for other countries with similar circumstances. Young Lives findings now stretch across three generations of caregivers, children and their offspring, allowing exploration of the dynamic intergenerational processes involved in the transmission of poverty.

Over the past 15 years, Young Lives has built exceptional collaborative and policy partnerships, including with the United Nations, the World Bank and the UK's Department for International Development, as well as major international organisations such as Oxfam, Save the Children, Plan International, and World Vision. The research links best academic practice with informed and authoritative child-focused development, to shape thinking, policy and systems – regionally, nationally and globally.

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