



Conference report 9th Early Career Research Meeting

Glasgow, 5th of August 2019

On the 5th of August, one day before the IASSIDD World Conference, the researchers of the SIRG PIMD gathered during the 9th ECRM. We started with coffee and tea at the Glasgow Caledonian University. We had an introduction round, where all participants brought an object or photo to describe themselves and their research.

Next, there were some interesting presentations about the research projects of Early Career Researchers. Anna Rensfeldt Flink presented her reflections on formulating inclusion criteria for children with PIMD, and Ann Dhondt presented her analyses of early communicative behaviours of young children with significant cognitive and motor developmental delays. After a short coffee and tea break, Linn Johnels presented an intervention study for targeting school staffs' responsive strategies using interactive music activities and multisensory storytelling. Karen Laing presented her study on the way teachers and occupational therapists work across professional boundaries to support students with PIMD. Finally, Siméon Lahaije presented the project 'Stronger Together', which focuses on enhancing the family quality of life of families with a child with PIMD.



Presentations of early career researchers



Workshops by PAMIS

The afternoon programme was organised by Jenny Miller, from PAMIS (<http://pamis.org.uk/>). First, we had a lunch break. Then, there were two options to choose from. Part of the group had a visit at Touchbase. Touchbase offers a variety of group services and 1:1 support, including access to expressive arts, music and drama. It is part of Sense, which is an organisation that supports people with a disability and their families. The other part of the group participated in the workshops organised by PAMIS, about Multisensory Storytelling (Maureen Philip), the representation of people with disabilities in story books and picture books (Pat Graham) and postural care (Michelle Morrison and Jenny Whinnett). In the evening, we had a social dinner, with early career researchers, senior researchers and PAMIS staff and family carers.



Visit to Touchbase (Sense)

We had a very inspiring and interesting meeting and we hope that it was as inspiring for all of the participants! Since this edition of the ECRM was the last one that we organised, we wish Michelle King and Wieneke Penninga good luck and a lot of fun with organising the next ECRM! We are looking forward to meeting you all again at the next ECRM. For more information about the SIRG-PIMD and ECRM, including newsletters, we refer to the following websites:

<https://www.iasidd.org/profound-intellectual-and-multiple-disabilities/> and
<https://ecrmpimd.weebly.com/>.

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