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Special Interest Group:

Practice Near Research with Children and Young People: Opportunities and Challenges

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This special interest group will focus on the opportunities and challenge that arise when conducting research with children and young people. Of particular interest is the adoption of research methods that invite close engagement with children. This might be realised by: involving children as collaborators in designing and delivering the research; adopting research methods that get close to the lived everyday experience of children; utilising practice methods in research contexts. Such approaches require close engagement with the research participants and acknowledgment of subjectivity, relationality and emotionality in the research process, itself requiring intense reflexivity. The group will provide a forum for sharing ideas for research agendas in this field and for expanding our collective understanding of how such approaches might vary across national contexts.