



Invitation
Wellbeing Policy Seminar
Wednesday 2 May 2012, 1.45 – 4pm
University College London
(Preceded by lunch at 12.45pm and followed by afternoon tea)
RSVP essential. Email: icls@public-health.ucl.ac.uk

The current Office of National Statistics (ONS) programme to measure national well-being is unlikely to have escaped many people's attention. Media attention on "happiness" has obscured the broader aims of this initiative, including measuring individual well-being in all its complexity. Is subjective well-being a useful measure for impact assessment by policy makers and practitioners? Will well-being continue to be the domain of health professionals or will all policy makers and service providers be expected to use subjective well-being as an outcome in their assessments? This seminar will present the results of some studies carried out by members of National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) and the ESRC International Centre for Life Course Studies in Health and Society using recently available survey data. The studies cover topics on measuring well-being and on factors that can have long-reaching implications for well-being over the life course. Taken together, they shed light on the role that well-being can play in the process of intervention development and implementation.

Chairperson:

Richard Bartholomew, Chief Research Officer, Children, Young People and Families Directorate, Department for Education.

Presentations and Speakers:

Mental health and wellbeing. Sally McManus, Research Director, NatCen Health and Wellbeing Team.

Health related behaviours and wellbeing in adolescence. Amanda Sacker, ICLS and Professor of Quantitative Social Science at the Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex.

Do physical working conditions influence quality of life after retirement? Loretta Platts, ICLS PhD student, Imperial College

Well-being within older couples: Does your partner's health affect your happiness? Jessica Abell, ICLS PhD student, Imperial College

Please **RSVP seminar attendance** (indicating any special needs).

E-mail: icls@public-health.ucl.ac.uk . Venue details will be available on registration.

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