QHRN CONFERENCE 2024

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

28TH - 29TH FEBRUARY

Virtual conference schedule

9.45AM TO 4PM (GMT)

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QHRN website

QUALITATIVE HEALTH RESEARCH NETWORK

The UCL Qualitative Health Research Network (UCL QHRN) is a cross-faculty and transdisciplinary initiative to support the use and development of qualitative research in health, illness and care.

The QHRN organises biennial international conferences to allow emerging and experienced researchers from within and outside the UCL community to present, experiment with, and learn about qualitative theory, methods, and writing. The QHRN also run specialist qualitative training and seminars, please see the page 16 for details of upcoming events.

THEME OF 2024

EXPLORING PROGRESS: QUALITATIVE HEALTH RESEARCH THROUGH CRISIS, DISRUPTION AND EMERGENCE

For our sixth biennial conference we turn our attention to what we have learned through crisis and continued disruption, and how this has the potential to aid understanding and inform progress in the field of qualitative health research. This conference seeks to embrace the learnings that have arisen in response to ongoing significant political, social and societal disruptions and their impact on human relationships, healthcare services, as well as political and ethical based values.

By focusing on emergence as a lens to understand the challenges and uncertainty we are facing in our work, the conference theme is designed to address questions on how we creatively proceed, and how the variety of responses might align on a spectrum between success and failure.

In this way we are building a platform for critical reflection and discussion on the complexities that impact us as a global research community.

OVERVIEW

KEY INFORMATION

ACCESSING THE CONFERENCE

https://qhrn2024.exordo.com/

To access the conference you must have registered via Ex Ordo. Once registered, make sure to log into your account, then you will be able to launch the event.

SUPPORT WITH ACCESSIBILITY

One of the reasons we selected a virtual conference this year was for accessibility, we hope this means more of our international community are able to join as well as being able to provide practical accessibility support where needed.

If you have accessibility needs and would like to discuss how Ex Ordo can support you attending, such as use of closed captions, please contact the support team via support@exordo.com.
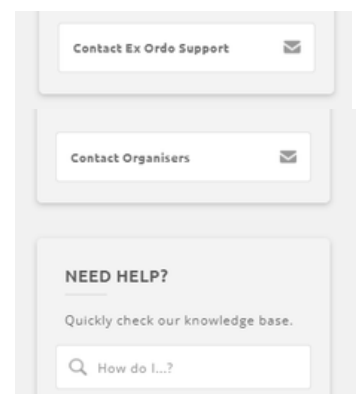
WHO TO CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS

In the lead up to and during the conference:

For practical questions about the virtual event, please contact our support team at Ex Ordo via 'contact Ex Ordo Support'. You can use the tab on the Ex Ordo dashboard, or simply email (**support@exordo.com**) making sure to include reference to the event "QHRN 2024".
Ex Ordo also has lots of guides which might support with any technical queries – so check out their 'need help?' section on the dashboard too.

The QHRN team can be contacted directly via email (**qhrn@ucl.ac.uk**), or you can click on the tab to the right hand side of your dashboard in Ex Ordo that reads 'contact organisers'. On the day of the conference we will have a member of the team monitoring the mailbox to field any questions that come through. We will also have our conference team on hand throughout sessions in the virtual conference in case we are needed to support the smooth running of the event.

WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

SCHEDULE

	Main Room	Parallel session 1	Parallel session 2
09.50	Conference opens Keynote: Jennie Popay		
11.05		Politics, corruption, and accountability in health systems	Novelty and innovation in qualitative methods
12.50			
13.30		Fragile contexts, humanitarian and emergency care	Digital health and research: Innovation and challenges
15.05	Keynote: Laura Sheard		
16.00	Closing remarks of conference Day 1		
16.05		ECR Networking Session by The Early Career Qualitative Health Researcher Network	
17.00		Close of conference Day 1	

GUEST SPEAKERS

PROFESSOR JENNIE POPAY
Lancaster University

Critical Qualitative (Public) Health Equity Research: reviewing the present, re-imagining the future

There have long been calls for more politically engaged health research in general and qualitative health research in particular: for a sharper critical lens that deconstructs taken-for-granted concepts and social relationships, asking how they relate to wider oppressive structures, how these structures legitimate and conceal their oppressive mechanisms and what is to be done about them (Harvey, 1990). In recent decades, critical theory, challenging normative and assumed power relations has informed understanding of health inequities as avoidable systematic differences caused by unjust structural conditions. As the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health concluded social injustice is killing people on a grand scale. But as social inequities grow, driving ever deeper health inequities and as academics' shelves (or e-folders) fill up with literature expounding the merits of critical enquiry at it best qualitative health research is only putting a dent in these grossly unequal social systems? Why is this? Can it do better? What would be the contours of a re-imagined critical Qualitative Public Health Research, capable of mounting a substantive challenge to structural violence and engaging the political discourse to advance social justice.

DR LAURA SHEARD
University of York

Telling a story or reporting the facts: Why is descriptive analysis often favoured over interpretative analysis in health research?

I will paradigmatically explore why interpretative analyses often get rejected from health research journals, based on a documentary analysis I conducted of peer reviewer reports. Expect the presentation to contain: positionality+, reflexivity+++, the importance of article epigraphs, Taylor Swift, Brene Brown, Omar from The Wire, Barack Obama and a cactus.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS PARALLEL SESSIONS

11.05-12.50 GMT

Wednesday 28th February 2024

Politics, corruption and accountability in health systems

- How health securitisation shapes health system priorities - Delaram Akhavein
- Using accountability mechanisms as anti-corruption strategy in primary healthcare centers in Nigeria - Pamela Ogbozor
- Exploring community organizations' role in addressing health sector corruption in Kano, Nigeria: using a multifaceted iterative qualitative approach - Muktar Gadanya
- The hope to live: medical imaginary and the political economy of lung cancer care in Bangladesh - Pranto Paul
- The essence of health complaints mechanisms in the improvement of quality primary healthcare delivery in Malawi - Maryam Chilumpha
- The double-edged sword of volunteer labour in primary health care in Nigeria - Tochukwu Charles Orjiakor
- Going Beyond Top-down Policies: Bottom-up Initiatives Introduced by Care Homes to Manage the Pandemic in the West of England - Selin Sivis

Novelty and innovation in qualitative methods

- The LISTEN Method - synthesising collaborative and digital methods for big qualitative data analysis - Abinaya Chandrasekar, Sigrun Clark and Norha Vera San Juan
- "Open", "closed", and in-between: A worked example of and reflections on data-sharing practices in qualitative interview research - Ann-Marie Creaven
- Sharing qualitative health and social care research data: key stakeholder views - Karen Lloyd
- Reporting rapid ethnographies informing health and care improvement: Findings from a Delphi survey and consensus meeting - Stephanie Kumpunen
- An exploration of Long Covid experiences over time drawing on interviews from a qualitative longitudinal study - Sarah Akhtar Baz
- Community research through creative methodologies as a tool to explore health inequalities within the urban locale - Bukola Joel

ORAL PRESENTATIONS PARALLEL SESSIONS

Wednesday 28th February 2024

Fragile contexts, humanitarian and emergency care

- Delivering Humanitarian Assistance in the Face of Climate Change – A Qualitative Study - Alix Faddoul
- The role of social science and transdisciplinarity in epidemic and pandemic preparedness and response in Sub-Saharan Africa over the last decade - Catherine Grant
- Using qualitative research methods to examine the impact of disasters on affected communities - Nihal Mohamed
- A qualitative study of experiences of an initiative informed by psychological first aid following the Beirut blast - Brian Ching and Alexandra Badaoui
- Seeking Pregnancy Experiences of Women Living as Internally Displaced Persons in Northern Myanmar: A Qualitative Study Protocol - Megan Blinn
- Leveraging a comparative analysis framework for a grounded theory of women first responders - Kelly Gregory

Digital health and research: Innovation and challenges

- Digital skills-building in disadvantaged communities: a novel pathway to addressing health inequalities? - Shoba Poduval
- Racialised exclusions in digital healthcare: combining insights from narrative interviews and human computer interaction - Farjana Islam
- How digital innovation in primary care disrupts the clinical consultation - Sara Paparini
- Review of positionality: The challenges of ethnographic observation in the evaluation of a newborn digital tool in Zimbabwe during crisis - Hannah Gannon
- Innovations in Remote Data Collection: Lessons Learned from the Early Pandemic - Ksenia Gorbenko

ECR NETWORKING SESSION

16.05-17.00

February 28th 2024

EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS IN QUALITATIVE HEALTH RESEARCH NETWORKING WORKSHOP: PROGRESSION THROUGH CRISIS

Maddie Tremblett 1, Tanisha Stratt 2, Tom Douglass 3, Amelia Talbot 4, Jack Joyce 4, Keiko Kanno 4, Emily Hunt 5, Virginia Calabria 4

1 University of the West of England, 2 King's College London, 3 University of Birmingham, 4 University of Oxford, 5 Brunel University

Pandemic disruption to Qualitative Health Research (QHR) was acutely felt by insecurely employed Early Career Researchers (ECRs), who often needed to implement study redesign, whilst maintaining research integrity (Tremblett et al., 2023). The ongoing socio-political challenges and disruptions (e.g. post pandemic healthcare burden, strike action) have become de facto for QHR ECRs. At the same time, each research project will encounter a number of idiosyncratic and localised challenges. Despite these being difficult to manage, they can lead to creative and innovative research design.

This session aims to support early career researchers (ECRs) that do qualitative health research (QHR) to collaboratively network and innovate to overcome challenges. The workshop will be facilitated by the Early Career Qualitative Health Research Researchers Network (ECQHRN), a new, free network that any UK QHR ECR can join. Our successful inaugural event, hosted in September 2023, received positive feedback from attendees who stated they rarely got opportunities for networking opportunities 'post' pandemic.
This workshop gives space for ECRs to share their challenges and innovative methodological solutions, along with their methodological quandaries as they lead advancements in the field.
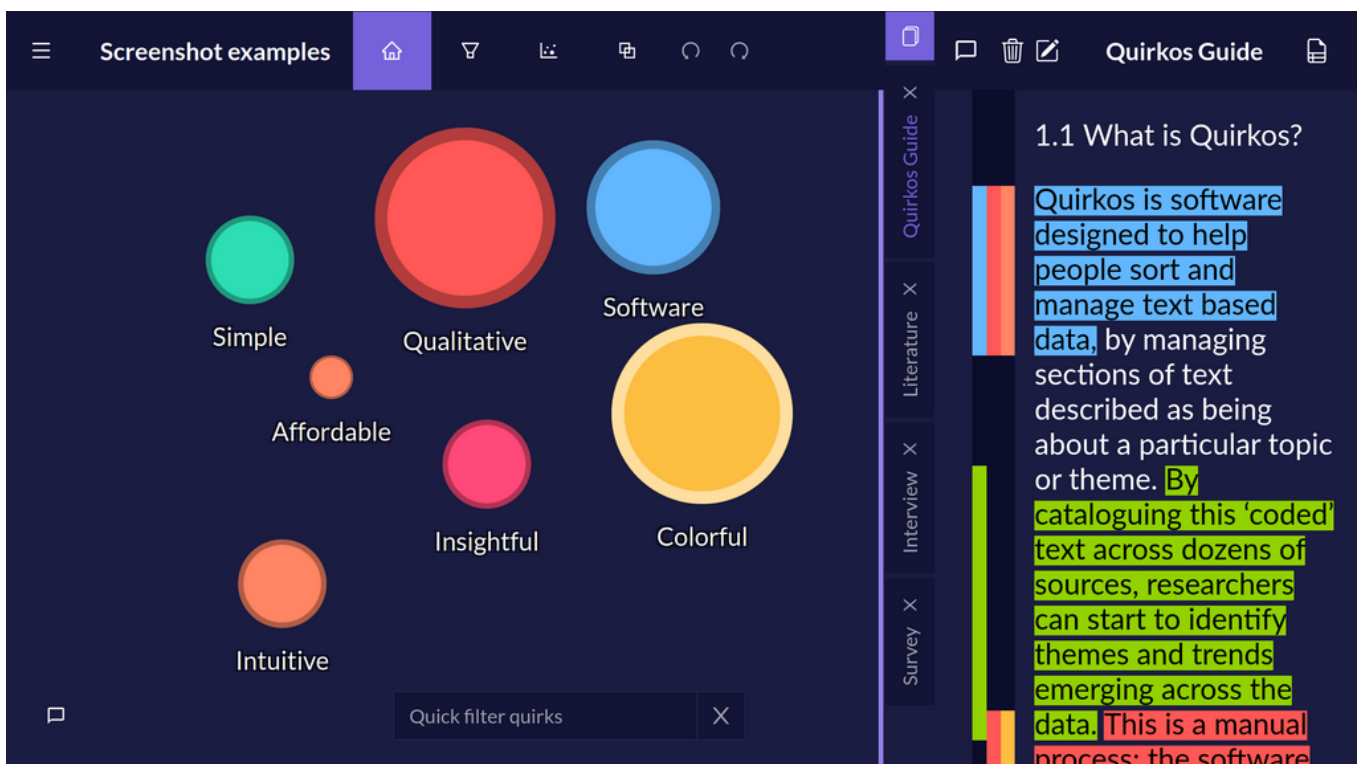
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THURSDAY
29TH FEBRUARY

SCHEDULE

	Main Room	Parallel session 1	Parallel session 2	Parallel session 3
10.00	Conference opens Keynote: Sohail Jannesari			
10.50		New perspectives around mental health care	Current conversations around older adults and end of life care	Health services and systems: a global outlook
12.35				
13.15		Seldom heard voices and marginalised communities	Rethinking the 'co' in co-production	
14.55	Keynote: Alison Thomson			
16.00	Close of conference			

GUEST SPEAKERS

DR SOHAIL JANNESARI

Kings College London and Brighton & Sussex Medical School

Imaginative Roots: Cultivating Decolonial Methods – this talk examines the indispensable role of imagination and creativity in decolonising qualitative research methods. While emphasising their necessity in challenging our current knowledge production processes, the talk warns of the potential for creative co-option.

DR ALISON THOMSON

Queen Mary University of London

Navigating the tensions of researching patient experience in participatory healthcare design – this talk will delve into the complexities and challenges of incorporating lived experiences into healthcare design. It aims to provide practical insights and strategies for researchers to effectively integrate these valuable perspectives in complex healthcare settings, enhancing the quality and relevance of participatory design processes.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS RUNNING IN PARALLEL

10.50–12.35 GMT

Thursday 29th February 2024

New perspectives around mental health care

- The UCLP-Primrose project: transformative care – are we looking at it right? - Philippa Shaw & Zuneera Khurshid
- Reproducing Differential Racialisation: Social Triage in Forced Migrant Mental Health Services in England - Philipa Mladovsky
- University students' access to mental health care: a qualitative study of the experiences of mental health services professionals through the lens of candidacy - Tom Osborn
- Reconsidering Trauma: An Ethnographic Study of Psychosocial Suffering in Mental Health Services - Shoshana Lauter
- Qualitative Methods at the intersection of Psychodynamic Therapy and Functional Neurological Disorder: A crisis of interpretation - Myles Gutkin
- Mental health professionals' views of mental health services and research in South Asia - Shivangi Talwar
- No Decision About Me Without Me: An exploration of Shared Decision Making principles in relation to medication management in Early Intervention for Psychosis services - Ruby Jarvis

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Current conversations around older adults and end of life care

- "Watch that's amazing, she hasn't lost all that skill": an IPA and video study of dementia-care and crafting together - Mah Rana
- Dementia Care Coordinators in Primary Care: A Realist Evaluation - Ruth Abrams
- Understanding euthanasia beyond biology: exploring the psychosocial determinants with respect to euthanasia decisions from Indian mental health professionals - Vaishnavi Agarwal
- Studying non-intervention in the context of deterioration and dying in care homes using ethnography - Fawn Harrad-Hyde
- Talking Lines: stories of diagnosis and support as told by those with lived experience of rarer forms of dementia - Samuel Rossi-Harries

MORE ON THE OTHER SIDE

ORAL PRESENTATIONS PARALLEL SESSIONS

10.50-12.35 GMT

Thursday 29th February 2024

Health services and systems: a global outlook

- Managing uncertainties as diabetes management in Malawi - Misheck Nkhata
- Childbearing women's experiences of and interactions with the health system in post-Doi Moi Vietnam - Kimberly Lakin
- What role can internationally educated health professionals play in shaping vaccine attitudes in their communities? - Elena Netierman
- Feeling like the enemy: the emotion management and alienation of hospital doctors - John-Paul Byrne
- What does social prescribing look like in practice? A qualitative case study informed by practice theory - Sara Calderón
- Understanding disruption in sexual health through the implementation of online postal self-sampling - Tommer Spence
- School Food Provision Partnerships for Child Health: Insights from the ActEarly FIGS Study - Natalia Concha

ORAL PRESENTATIONS PARALLEL SESSIONS

Seldom heard voices and marginalised communities	• Centring and engaging marginalised communities in qualitative research in times of crisis - Bridget Makande • "Don't let it hold you back": the experience of transition to adulthood in young people with primary ciliary dyskinesia - Rhys Dore • Hear Our Voice: A photo-elicitation study to explore the social participation of people with mild to moderate intellectual disability - Zuyu Wang • Exploring Barriers and facilitators to physical activity lifestyle choices during the COVID-19 pandemic in adult BAME individuals based in Teesside University: A Qualitative Study - Johnson Mbabazi • Working in uncertain times: Studying COVID-19 health seeking behaviour in marginalised settings using ethnography as research method - Aruna Bhattacharya • Unheard voices: podcasting to bring marginalised voices to policy and practice - Lauren Herlitz
Rethinking the 'co' in co-production	• Facilitating Inclusivity: A collaborative approach to research in care homes - Megan Davies • Transforming integrated care through co-production: a systematic review using meta-ethnography and patient and public involvement - Susan Conquer • Evaluating outcomes from public involvement in health service design: barriers and enablers - Nicola Lloyd • How do co-created mental health and life-skill workshops meet the support needs of 14-25-year-olds in London during Covid-19 and beyond? - Jasmine Lee, Işıl Baştuğ and Keri Ka-Yee Wong • "Love is the magic ingredient" in our coproduction relationship: an art therapist and people with learning disabilities share their experiences of coproducing research - Nicki Power

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING ACROSS THE QHRN?

Below are some additional events hosted by the network over the start of 2024. To find out more about upcoming events, please see our website.

[QHRN website 🔍]

SEMINARS

[QHRN Seminars 🔍]

Developing more complex designs in Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) health research

24th January 2024, 13:00–14:00 – online **SOLD OUT**

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TRAINING

[QHRN Training 🔍]

Introduction to Ethnography in Healthcare

20th March 2024, 14:00–16:30 – online

Applied Conversation Analysis: A practical workshop

27th March 2024, 13:00–17:00 – in person

Writing and publishing qualitative research

9th April 2024, 10:00–13:00 – online

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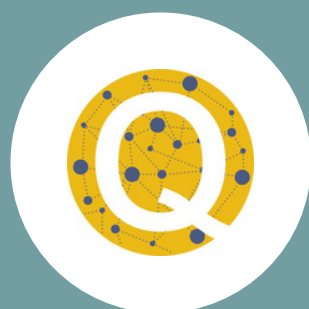
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