

CENTRE FOR INNOVATION AND RESEARCH IN CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

ESW Open Seminar Series

Monday 14 May, 4.30-6.30pm
Room G22, Jubilee Building

Robbie Gilligan

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The World of Work in the Lives of Looked- after Young People and Care Leavers: The importance of harnessing its transformative potential

Using a range of evidence and theoretical perspectives, Professor Gilligan explores why supporting participation in the world of work needs to be a much more central focus in provision for care experienced young people.

He will suggest that 'work' takes many forms and that these carry many layers of potential value for young people in care. He will show how positive experience in work can change identities, nurture educational aspirations, build social ties and more. He will argue that the world of work has the potential to offer 'windfall gains' to the care system and to looked after young people and care leavers.

Professor Robbie Gilligan is currently a Visiting Professor (this term) in the Centre for Innovation and