British PSA Annual conference 15-17 April 2019 Nottingham conference centre
‘(Un)Sustainable Politics in a Changing World’

Call for papers

Specialist group Young People's Politics

Panel 1

**Young people and lifestyle politics**

This panel will examine young people’s political participation beyond political parties and elections. It will focus on how young people live politics in their everyday lives through lifestyle choices and post-materialistic values. It will look at the ethical and moral decisions made by young people regarding work, housing, leisure, eating habits and transport, etc. For example, living with a small ecological footprint in a sustainable way. It will explore the ways young people are reinventing political participation through creative and imaginative ways that bypass traditional institutions, in favour of more horizontal and participative means. The panel could discuss the following questions: Who are these young people? What are these young people’s motivations and expectations? Do they consider their behaviour to be political? Is their behaviour a deliberate choice to function outside of the traditional political system? Do they participate in ‘conventional’ politics too? Do they live their politics individually or collectively? Do they feel part of a local, regional, national or global community? What is the role of social media in their lifestyle choices and politics? In this way, the panel will explore the ways young people are living alternative politics today and whether it is sustainable.

Please send proposals of around 200 words and short biography by 10 October 2018 to convenor Sarah Pickard:

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