



Making Mixed-Methods Research Work Travel Behaviours Workshop 20th June 2013, Leeds.

Call for Papers:

It is well accepted that understanding our mobility decisions requires an active consideration of the interfaces between factors such as land-use patterns, work and leisure practices, family structures, and technologies. Such understandings can only be brought about through the application of different theoretical framings of the problem, different methodological responses to the problem, and the exploration of the problem and its contexts using different toolkits of methods. It is contended that unlocking critical policy understandings requires multi-pronged approaches. However, interlinking different theories, methodologies and methods creates real practical and intellectual challenges.

This workshop is being organized by the Travel Behaviours Network. The network is funded by the RCUK Energy Programme and aims to bring together a series of interdisciplinary, cross council research projects exploring how to reduce energy use from transport. These projects provide good examples of inter-disciplinary working but are a small sub-set of the pool of expertise and practice that the community could draw on.

This workshop will seek to understand the variety of research methods that researchers are using to engage with communities and make sense of the processes that inform our travel practices. Over the course of the day we hope to explore a series of critical questions for interdisciplinary working:

- What does effective multi-disciplinary working look like?
- What are the key determinants of good multi-disciplinary working?
- How are methods integrated within projects?
- How does data collection relate to theoretical perspectives and vice versa and why does this matter?
- Do some methods 'mix' better than others?
- What obstacles are faced in the practice of mixing methods in multi-disciplinary teams?

Call for Contributions

- We would like to encourage submissions from project teams that both wish to give a presentation but also develop a paper for a Special Issue of a journal.

Submissions are invited that address questions related to interdisciplinary methodological practices and may address a variety of issues such as: novel methods, new methodological considerations; mixing of methods, the role of new technologies, crowd sourcing, when things go wrong and of course when things go right.

While the session seeks contributions in the traditional paper format, it also seeks to encourage other forms of audience engagement such as demos, audience participation activities and discussion.

Please submit a title and abstract of up to 250 words to Jane Macdonald jane.macdonald@ed.ac.uk by 31st March 2013.

When and Where

The workshop will take place at The Met Hotel in Leeds on Thursday 20th June 2013 from 10am to 4pm.

Registering to Attend

Participants will be welcome to register to attend the event. Priority will be given to attendees involved in the papers but anyone is welcome to register an interest with jane.macdonald@ed.ac.uk

Free Event, lunch and coffee will be provided.