Can you see the tangent in your research?
A workshop on sensitivity within qualitative inquiry

Wednesday 13 March, 3-6pm
Room 113, Fulton Building, University of Sussex

This workshop will be facilitated by Dr Liam Berriman (Lecturer in Childhood and Youth Studies, University of Sussex), Dr Martin Bittner (educational scientist and postdoc researcher, Europa-Universitaet Flensburg) and Dr Rebecca Webb (Education Lecturer, University of Sussex) and is aimed at doctoral researchers and faculty engaged in researching youth, children and pedagogical institutions.

Part 1: Discussion around how research that aims to find something new needs to adhere to certain researcher sensibilities or sensitivities using ‘the tangent’ metaphor. Three perspectives on the question of sensitivity in research will be presented relating to epistemology, the challenges of (digital) data, and ideas of the political and ethical.

Part 2: Selected participants will share examples of their qualitative data which might be considered as ‘sensitive’. Supported by the facilitators, participants will work in groups to reflect on the data, generate mappings of sensitivity, and share their responses.

Those wanting their own data discussed (prior consent for sharing must have been sought) can submit a short description of their research project, their research question, and an extract (anonymised and ethically approved) to L.Rodriguez@sussex.ac.uk for the attention of Liam Berriman, Martin Bittner and Rebecca Webb. This might be any kind of qualitative data, including field notes, observations, interviews, group discussions, or archived material.

Reserve your place by emailing Loreto: L.Rodriguez@sussex.ac.uk
You do not have to submit any research data of your own in order to attend

This workshop will provide an atmosphere for confidential and non-judgemental conversation and discussion.