

CENTRE FOR INNOVATION AND RESEARCH IN CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

# ESW Open Seminar Series

Thursday 30 June, 12.30pm

Room 207, Fulton

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## **A narrative analysis of change in hybrid forms of community mental health services for young people**

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Partnerships and co-production between public welfare services and local communities has become a popular policy strategy to improve care and revitalize local active citizenship. In this seminar, Sine examines the micro processes of such interactions by investigating change within alternative institutional arrangements where public, voluntary, and civil agents engage and collaborate in the everyday practices of delivering community mental health services for young people.

There is a tendency in literature to herald the transformative and democratic potential of such hybrid forms of governance arrangements. However, there is little empirical evidence of these processes of participation and change in everyday practices. Using two Danish case studies set in a partnership between public community mental health services and third sector organisations, this study adopts an interactionist approach in exploring the dual nature of the self and the social structures within these everyday practices. The data consist of ethnographic field notes and 49 interviews with social workers, volunteers, and young people within community mental health services.

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