Challenging research?
Involving children and young people

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CRFR aims to ...

• Produce high quality, collaborative and inclusive research relevant to key issues in families and relationships.

• Act as a focal point, and promote and facilitate a network, for all those with an interest in research on families and relationships.

• Make research more accessible for use by policy makers, practitioners, research participants, academics and the wider public.

• Enhance the infrastructure to conduct research on families and relationships.
Thinking about the Symposium so far ...

What is the most pressing challenge when undertaking research *with* children?

Discuss with your neighbour at least one challenge – and any possible solutions.
1. Reconsidering ‘voice’
2. Questioning competence
3. The newest frontier? Young researchers, child-led research, co-production...
Listening to the child’s voice in research on domestic violence and abuse

‘Voice of the Child’ Under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995:

Volume 2 – Feasibility Study

Capturing the voice of the child: messages from research

Giving Children A Voice
Investigation of children's experiences of participation in consultation and decision-making in Irish hospitals

The National Children's Strategy Research Series
You should be able to say what you think in lots of different ways

An adult – at whatever age a society determines that to be – is legally presumed to have developed the necessary capacities in all these spheres to take responsibility for their own actions, irrespective of the reality of their competence. However, during childhood, the presumption is that, as children’s capacities are evolving, they lack the competence to take responsibility for themselves. Children are therefore provided with social and legal protections that correspond with their perceived immaturity and vulnerability.

Lansdown 2005, p. xiii
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Further information

The presentation draws on:


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http://www.crfr.ac.uk/projects/current-projects/young-edinburgh-action/