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Research Associate in Environmental Gerontology

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Education

2010 - 2015

PhD - Thesis Title: Trust and Participation in Urban Regeneration

Supervisors: Professors Ian Cole and David Robinson

Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research

Sheffield Hallam University

Funding: ESRC

2009 - 2010

MRes Sociology, Planning and Policy

Awarded Merit

Sheffield Hallam University

Funding: ESRC

Modules included: Survey Methods; Qualitative Research Methods; and Philosophies of Research.

Dissertation: Investigating Trust between Officers and Residents in Urban Regeneration

2008 - 2009

MSc Urban and Regional Planning

Awarded Merit

Sheffield Hallam University

Modules included: Economy, Society and Sustainability; Spatial Planning; Transport Planning; Applied Research Methods

Dissertation: Transport-led Regeneration: A Case Study of Sheffield Supertram and House Prices

2004 – 2007

BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science

Awarded 2:2

University of Sheffield

Employment

January 2017 – Present

Research Associate in Environmental Gerontology, Newcastle University

Exploring the tensions between demographic changes and the built environment with a focus on housing and ageing.

May 2015 – December 2016

Innovation and Research Manager

Joint appointment between Department of Healthcare at Northumbria University and North Tyneside Council's Housing Strategy Team to explore the relationship between housing and health with a focus on older people.

May 2014 – April 2015

Consultant, Rocket Science, Newcastle upon Tyne

Completed qualitative and quantitative research on a wide variety of topics on behalf of private research consultancy.

January 2012 – January 2014

Visiting Lecturer, Sheffield Hallam University

Taught on module entitled 'Community Development and Regeneration' to undergraduate students and on the postgraduate module 'Neighbourhood Management'.

Publications

Aitken, D. (2017) The influence fallacy: resident motivations for participation in an English housing regeneration project. *Planning Theory & Practice*. 18:4, 549-565

Hodgson, P., Bailey, C., Forster, N., **Aitken, D.**, van der Graaf, P. and Lhussier, M. (2017) *Housing and Older People: Written Evidence submitted by Northumbria University [HOP 038]*. Retrieved from:

<http://data.parliament.uk/WrittenEvidence/CommitteeEvidence.svc/EvidenceDocument/Communities%20and%20Local%20Government/Housing%20for%20older%20people/written/49283.html>

Aitken, D., Cook, G., Hodgson, P., and Lawson, A. (2017) Facework and trust in facilitating health-related housing interventions. *PLoS ONE*. 12:4, e0176074.

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0176074>

Cook, G., **Aitken, D.**, Hodgson, P., Marston, R., Binks, E., Peach, R., McMillan, C., Herman, L., Burke, W., Park, K., Conway, S., Graham, H., Blood, G., Cossar, P. and McKinnon, D. (2016) *Approaches to Integrated Housing, Health and Social Care Services: Case Studies from North Tyneside Council and Northumbria Healthcare*. Housing Learning Improvement Network Case Study Report.

Aitken, D. (2012) Trust and participation in urban regeneration. *People, Place and Policy Online*. 6:3, 133-147

Research Funding

Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Research Fund (2017) Exploring the market for accessible and adaptable homes. £3,989. **Aitken, D.**

Centre for Ageing Better (2017) Primary research with practitioners and people with lived experience to understand the role of home adaptations in improving later life. £43,000. Bailey, C., Hodgson, P., **Aitken, D.**, Wilson, G., Gilroy, R., and Cook, G.

Newcastle University Institute for Ageing (2017) Drawing health professionals into housing design. £11,456.06. Gilroy, R., **Aitken, D.**, Moffatt, S., Buchan, P., and Crow, I.

Funder Anonymised (2017) Establishing best practice for housing development for older people. £15,000. **Aitken, D.** and Gilroy, R.

Fuse Centre for Translational Research in Public Health, Pump Prime Research Funds (2016) Homes and health: state of knowledge and next steps. £2,018. Forster, N., Hodgson, P., **Aitken, D.**, Davison, J., and van der Graaf, P.

Funder Anonymised (2016) Exploring resident views on villages with enhanced care and support. £5,000. **Aitken, D.** and Cook, G.

East Durham College (2014) Feasibility study for a proposed rural enterprise hub at East Durham College. £7,000. Blissett, C., Halliday, J. and **Aitken, D.**

Conferences

Co-convened:

Home and Healthy Ageing: State of Knowledge and Next Steps seminar series in 2017, funded by FUSE which brought together academics, policymakers and practitioners to develop a research agenda for the field.

Housing and Health: Sharing Best Practice and Challenges for the Future, a Housing LIN and North Tyneside Council event in December 2016 which showcased local projects and academic research.

Creating Healthy Places workshop in February 2016 in North Tyneside which brought together practitioners from backgrounds such as housing, adult social care, leisure, transport and planning with academics and policy bodies to discuss how new communities can be designed to encourage healthy lifestyles and be age and dementia friendly.

Presented:

'Advice services to facilitate healthy ageing in place: developing system trust', paper presented to Housing Studies Association Conference, York, April 2017

'Approaches to Integrated Housing, Health and Social Care Services', paper presented with Helen Graham at Housing and Health: Sharing Best Practice and Challenges for the Future event, North Tyneside, December 2016

'Trust and participation in urban regeneration', paper presented to Research Committee on Housing and the Built Environment (RC43) of the International Sociological Association (ISA) Conference, Amsterdam, July 2013

'Trust and participation in urban regeneration', paper presented to Housing Studies Association Conference 2013, York, April 2013

'Trust and participation in urban regeneration', paper presented to Department of Sociological Studies Postgraduate Conference, Sheffield, June 2012

Teaching

I have taught on the following modules:

Urban Poverty: A Global Perspective to undergraduate planning students at Newcastle University 2017/18. Lecture delivered on poverty and ageing in the global north.

Social Worlds to undergraduate planning students at Newcastle University 2017/18. Seminars delivered on poverty and inequality and class.

Research Design to postgraduate planning students at Newcastle University 2017/18. Session delivered on my personal reflections on research.

Community Development and Regeneration to undergraduate housing and architectural studies students at Sheffield Hallam University 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14. Sessions delivered on trust and participation in urban regeneration and the housing market renewal pathfinder programme.

Neighbourhood Management to postgraduate urban planning and regeneration students at Sheffield Hallam University 2011/12 and 2012/13. Sessions delivered on trust and participation in urban regeneration

Supervision and Mentoring

John Liddell, Masters Dissertation: Use of Novel Psychoactive Substances among Homeless People, 2016. Co-supervised with Prof. Glenda Cook

Currently mentoring three undergraduate students on topics including specialist accommodation, mobilities and resident participation, all in relation to ageing.