Keynote Speakers

◆ **Professor Thomas Cook**, Thomas Cook has a PhD from Stanford and is a Professor of Sociology, Psychology, Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University, Chicago. He has a long-standing interest in research methods for inferring causation and is the author of an internationally renowned textbook on experiments and quasi-experiments (Cook & Campbell, recently updated to Shadish, Cook and Campbell). He has contributed significantly to the methodological and empirical literature in experiments in the social sciences and was the opening speaker of the first conference of the RCTs in the social sciences.

◆ **Professor Don Green**, Donald P. Green has a PhD in Political Science from Berkeley in 1988. He is Professor of Political Science at Columbia University. Over the past two decades, he has conducted dozens of RCTs evaluating efforts to persuade and mobilize voters. Green helped found the Experimental Research section of the American Political Science Association and served as its first president.

◆ **Professor Larry Hedges**, Larry V. Hedges is Chairman of the Department of Statistics and the Board of Trustees’ Professor of Statistics, Psychology, and Education and Social Policy and a Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, USA. Formerly he was the Stella M. Rowley Distinguished Service Professor of Education, Psychology, Public Policy, and Sociology at the University of Chicago.
Tenth Annual Conference

We are pleased to announce the tenth annual conference RCTs in the Social Sciences. The conference will be an opportunity for delegates to share expertise, interests and concerns about conducting trials in all fields of the social sciences.

The conference will be held on 9th, 10th and 11th September 2015 in the ARRC Building at the University of York. This conference aims to:
♦ Celebrate ten years of RCTs in the social sciences
♦ Facilitate sharing and collaboration between academic disciplines in this area
♦ Discuss the methodological, practical and ethical challenges of undertaking trials in the social sciences

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are now invited for refereed oral and poster contributions relevant to RCTs conducted in the social sciences over the last ten years.

Abstracts should:
♦ Follow a structured format - such as Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusion
♦ Be no longer than 250 words, excluding references
♦ Include no more than three references

This year the planning committee will award prizes for the best contributed presentation and for the best poster. The prizes will be presented by one of the keynote speakers.

Please send submissions by Friday 10th July 2015 by email to:
sally.baker@york.ac.uk

or by post to:
Sally Baker
Lower Ground Floor, ARRC Building, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences, Faculty of Science, University of York, York Y010 5DD.

The conference is jointly organised by Professor David Torgerson (University of York, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences), Professor Carole Torgerson (Durham University, School of Education), Professor Catherine Hewitt (University of York, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences) and Dr Ben Styles (National Foundation for Educational Research) (Guest Organiser).

The conference workshop will be organised by David Torgerson (University of York, Department of Health Sciences) Hannah Ainsworth (University of York, Department of Health Sciences) and Ben Styles (National Foundation for Educational Research).

Venue and Travel

The conference will take place in the ARRC Building, University of York (Heslington West Campus), UK.

York is on the main East Coast Line from London King’s Cross to Edinburgh. Fast trains leave from both north and south at frequent intervals. There is also a direct service across the Pennines between York, Leeds and Manchester Airport.

The University is two miles from the railway station. A journey by taxi from the railway station to the University will take approximately 15 minutes. There is a taxi rank just outside the station.

Parking at the University is very limited. Delegates wishing to travel by car should visit www.york.ac.uk/about/maps/ for maps and directions to the University campus and further information about parking fees and restrictions.
The programme includes a workshop being run by Hannah Ainsworth, Ben Styles and David Torgerson which will cover two areas.

**Friday 11th September 2015**
**ARRC Building, University of York**

David will look at different trial designs and the implementation of these within a social science setting. He will cover cluster randomisation, stepped wedge, split plot, randomisation combined with regression discontinuity.

Hannah will look at the challenges of recruiting participants (schools and students) into education trials and describe what recruitment strategies do and what don’t work. Ben will also be discussing sample size requirements and calculations for randomised trials.

**Main Conference**
**Wednesday 9th September and Thursday 10th September 2015**
**ARRC Building, University of York**

The Conference will open on Wednesday 9th September and close on Thursday 10th September. The registration fee includes lunch and refreshments on both days.

The conference dinner will be held on the evening of Wednesday 9th September 2015.

The Conference will include three keynote presentations from international speakers and contributed presentations on all aspects of randomised trials in the social sciences. There will be an opportunity for delegates to discuss their own trials at a one-hour ‘surgery’.

The above details are correct at the time of going to print. The organisers reserve the right to make amendments to arrangements where necessary.

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**Planning Committee**

- Mrs Hannah Ainsworth, Research Fellow and Trial Co-ordinator, University of York
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- Professor Karen Bloor, Professor of Health Economics and Policy, University of York
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- Dr Andy Wiggins, Associate Director of Research and Evaluation, CEM, Durham University
Registration Form

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Organisation | Department

Address | City | County | Postcode

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Dietary and Special requirements (e.g. vegetarian/vegan/kosher/halal/other)

Registration Fees: (Please Tick)

**Early Registration** (payment received up to and including Friday 14th August 2015)
- Conference fees (two days, 9th and 10th September, conference dinner, workshop) £310
- Conference fees (two days: 9th and 10th September) £250
- Conference fee (one day only: 9th September) £125
- Conference fee (one day only: 10th September) £125
- Workshop £30
- Conference Dinner (9th September) £30

**Standard Registration** (for payment received after Friday 14th August 2015)
- Conference fees (two days, 9th and 10th September, conference dinner, workshop) £360
- Conference fees (two days: 9th and 10th September) £300
- Conference fee (one day only: 9th September) £150
- Conference fee (one day only: 10th September) £150
- Workshop £30
- Conference Dinner (9th September) £30

**Student Registration**
- Conference fees (two days, 9th and 10th September, conference dinner, workshop) £160
- Conference fees (two days: 9th and 10th September) £100
- Conference fee (one day only: 9th September) £50
- Conference fee (one day only: 10th September) £50
- Workshop £30
- Conference Dinner (9th September) £30

**Workshop Only**
- Workshop (11th September) £30

**Accommodation**
- Accommodation is available at the University of York. To book rooms, please contact www.yorkconferences.com
- If you prefer to stay in York City centre, please contact Visit York www.visityork.org/book
- If you require any help with your booking or would like any further information about accommodation in York please contact Sally Baker (sally.baker@york.ac.uk)

**Method of payment**

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Please indicate which days you are attending and include your name on all money transfers.

Name of account: University of York Bank: HSBC, 13 Parliament Street, York Y01 1XS. Sort Code: 40-47-31 Account Number: 20898201

If you would like to pay by invoice please tick this box and the conference administrator will contact you.

Please send completed registration form to Sally Baker, Lower Ground Floor, ARRC Building, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences, Faculty of Science, University of York Y010 5DD.

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