

YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE MARGINS



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What I'm Doing:

1) Interviewing a cohort of YP

2) Policy Analysis

**3) Interviewing practitioners
working with YP**



Participatory Parity

Redistribution

Exploitation – appropriation of the fruit of one's own labour

Deprivation – denial of an adequate material standard of living

Economic marginalisation – restriction to poorly paid employment or being denied an income altogether

Recognition

Disrespect – suffering denigration and hostility due to stereotypical representations of group identity

Non-recognition – being culturally invisible

Cultural domination – being subject to communication that is hostile to one's own

Representation

Misframing – boundaries which work to exclude some from political participation altogether

Ordinary-political – voting systems which work to deny parity to minorities

Meta-political misrepresentation – driven by processes of globalisation, this arises when states and transnational elites deny voice to individuals and groups.

REDISTRIBUTION



THE CHURN										
<u>Craig</u>	Placement (Hair)	Unemployed	Placement (Hair)	Unemployed	Placement (Hair)	Job (Hair)	Unemployed	College (Hair)	Unemployed	Job (0 Hour)
<u>Scott</u>	College	Unemployed	Employability Course	Placement	Placement	Unemployed	Employability Course	Outdoor Course	Volunteering	
<u>Val</u>	Unemployed	Employability Course	Unemployed	Employability Course	Unemployed	Volunteering	Unemployed			
<u>Megan</u>	Work Experience (Hair)	Unemployed	Placement (Hair)	Unemployed	Apprenticeship (Hair)	Job (0 Hour)	Unemployed			
<u>Sue</u>	Employability Course	Unemployed	Volunteering	Employability Course	Unemployed					
<u>Amanda</u>	Unemployed	Placement (Hair)	Unemployed	Job (Tips only)	Unemployed					
<u>Lana</u>	Employability Course	University	Job	Job (6hrs p.w.)	Volunteering	Job (0 Hour)				
<u>Donna</u>	Employability Course	Volunteering	Volunteering	Volunteering						
<u>Marie</u>	College (Childcare)	Unemployed	Volunteering							
<u>Kyle</u>	Employability Course	Volunteering	Volunteering	College	Volunteering	Employability Course	Employability Course	College		
<u>Ryan</u>	College (Mechanics)	Placement (Garage)	Volunteering	Job (0 Hour)	Job (0 Hour)	Volunteering	Employability Course	Placement	Job (Temp - CJS)	
<u>Divya</u>	Unemployed	Volunteering	Job	Unemployed						
<u>Maya</u>	Unemployed	Volunteering	Job	Married!						
<u>Ed</u>	Placement	Unemployed	Bar Work (0 Hours)	Unemployed	Bar Work	Unemployed	Bar Work (0 Hours)	Unemployed	Bar Work	Unemployed
<u>Martin</u>	Unemployed	Training Scheme (CJS)	Administration Job							
<u>James</u>	Placement (P&D)	Apprenticeship (P&D)	Unemployed	Placement (Café)	Unemployed	Job (Waiter)	Job (Café) - Temp	Job (Café) - 0 Hours		
<u>Katie</u>	College (H&B)	Unemployed	Job (Hair)	Unemployed	Job (Hair)	Unemployed				
<u>David</u>	Unemployed	College (Empblty)	Unemployed	College (Empblty)	Unemployed (MH)					
<u>Simon</u>	Unemployed	College	Unemployed	AA Placement (Gdning)	College & P/T (0 Hours)					
<u>Adam</u>	Employability Course	Job	Unemployed	Job	Unemployed	Employability Course	Unemployed			

THE 'CHURN'

EMPLOYABILITY

Megan: Load of shite...rock climbing and that, I was like I'm here to find a job, not to go fucking rock climbing...crap! Just like, people skills and that, I hate that, I ken how to talk to folks, and that was really it...health and safety, I got that so at least I got something then I left, this is crap, and they were like we'll find you a placement for this long, like, ah'm no working for that...

Sue: ...(long pause)...I genuinely...I don't think they'd know what the point of it was...there was no point to it...it was meant to be...give you a good CV, saying that you've done so many hours of volunteer work, but it wisnae as if they had you volunteering in things that were going to help you...but they never they just had us doing this massive amount of shit, it's the only way I can describe it...I don't like...*sighs* ...like thinking back at it, ah don't know why the hell I done it...*voice cracking*

POVERTY

Val: Aye, not enough for luxuries or whatever...obviously we can't have holidays and that...but that's not expected from the Job Centre...just enough to scrape by. I don't do anything, don't go out anywhere nice or that... ah don't waste ma money, ah don't smoke or drink or go out so I don't use it on that...ah don't get out, ah don't get to do zoo trips or whatever, ah don't go out anywhere...basically ah just run [daughter] to nursery, come here, take the dogs out and that's it...I suppose I get peace and quiet but then there's no-one to talk to...



RECOGNITION

STIGMA

Amanda: Makes me raging... 'cos it's like you're saying that ah don't want to like, basically saying that I'm no gonna get anywhere...going to live on the dole all my life...like for me, working nearly 5 months, you're working for nothing, getting up at 9 in the morning working till 6 at night, spending an hour on a bus there and back aw aye...that's no lazy at aw that's no lazy...

Marie: 'cos ah didn't want to be on benefits ah'd rather be out having a job...ah didn't want to be labelled as...ah don't know...like young mums get labelled as 'aw aye they only got pregnant for the benefits and the hooses and this and that'...but actually it's not like that.

STIGMA

The background of the entire page is a light green color. Overlaid on this is a faint, semi-transparent image. On the left side of the background image is a large, leafy tree. To the right of the tree, there are several silhouettes of people. Some are standing, some are sitting on a bench, and one person appears to be talking on a mobile phone. To the right of the silhouettes is a signpost with four signs: 'EMPLOYMENT', 'TRAINING', 'HOUSING', and 'SUPPORT'.

A: Have you had any contact with the job centre at all?

Katie: Nut...*screws up face*...

A: What was that face about?

Katie: People always telling me to sign on until I get a job...or something like that, but ah don't want to do that, ah think it's embarrassing...going to the job centre, like if you're seen at the job centre, people pure slag you and that.

A: What do they say?

Katie: Ah've never been seen at the job centre! Ah've slagged other people for it though...like...dunno, basically, if you get caught at the job centre...like...young people shouldnae be at the job centre, should be looking for a job, doesnae matter if they've got money or no...dunno, you just get slagged, people call them tramps and that...bums, like, they cannae be arsed going for jobs and that...that sort of stuff...that's why I dinnae get seen at the job centre, it's all junkies and that that go...I could be signing on, applying for PIP because of ma diabetes...ah just dinnae want to do it because it's embarrassing...

STIGMA

David: Unemployed...em...yeah...I'm aware of the language that people use...a lot of people, people have said to me benefit cheat and that, and I'm like, yeah...ah've never claimed a benefit at all...I claim EMA through here, but that's all I've claimed...

A: Have you not looked into claiming ESA or PIP or JSA?

David: Ah dinnae feel that I deserve it, that's how I feel, if I'm not contributing I don't deserve it...

A: Do you feel that about yourself?

David: Yes, yes I do, that's something that no-one has taught me, that is just something that I feel. Something that I've always felt...I dae think I deserve money.

A: So who gives you money and buys your clothes at the moment?

David: Ma Mum...



REPRESENTATION



DISILLUSIONED...

Sue: Ah can't be bothered listening to people with all these promises...you vote for them, you get none of the shit that they promise...it's no even an issue of trust it's just stop talking shit. When you start being serious and tell the truth, maybe, I'll start voting...(pause)...but they're all full of shit.

Ed: they don't walk around ***** day to day, like everyone else, like a normal human, they've got fair bits of money, they're fine, they don't interact with humans on a day to day...on saving money, budgeting, going out getting food for your bairns, or having nothing, they've got all that...they get money...they are detached, they have good lives, trying to get into an average person's life...

...BUT NOT DISENGAGED...

Lana: I did Modern Studies where we learned about it but that was more like voting systems and...we never really looked at the different parties, so to speak.

Ryan: I don't know very much about politics, it's not really a thing and...I don't know, I don't think it's something they teach in schools, I think it's something they should, I'd quite like it myself to learn more about politics and stuff, but, I dunno...I would like more opportunity to learn about it so then dunno, then if you're going to vote you can vote and you're quite clued up about it.

...AND NOT UNINFORMED

Val: Dunno...wouldn't make much of a difference to me whatever happened... ah wiz listening to the radio last night and that's what they said...politicians aren't talking to the young ones and the young ones aren't voting...so there's older ones and they're voting and that's why things aren't moving forward...it's not really a choice for people like me...(long pause)...

