



## **Qualitative Research Forum: an informal group for staff and students doing qualitative research**

### **About this Event**

The Qualitative Research Forum, based in the Institute for Health Research, for staff and students doing qualitative research in some capacity, was launched in September 2020, organised by Julia Frost, Jo Day, Cornelia Guell, Sarah Bell and Sarah Morgan-Trimmer. It will meet once every two months, alternately hosted by Exeter and Truro.

The second meeting will be on **Tuesday, 24th November from 1 - 3 p.m.**, when Professor Judith Green will talk on Collaboration in Analysing Qualitative Data, and we hope that anyone interested in qualitative methodologies will participate and help to shape the future direction of the group.

***Please note that these events are only open to members of staff and students at the University of Exeter.***

### **Bio**

Judith Green is Professor of Sociology and Centre Director at the Wellcome Centre for Cultures and Environments of Health at the University of Exeter, and has held posts at King's College London, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and London South Bank University. Over the last thirty years she has undertaken research on a range of topics in public health and health services research, with interests including risk, professions, and mobility. She also has interests in methods for applied social science, particularly in strengthening the role of qualitative approaches in evaluation studies, and has co-authored the text book *Qualitative Methods for Health Research* (Sage). She co-edits the journal *Critical Public Health*.

### **Presentation title and abstract: "Collaboration in Analysing Qualitative Data"**

Going beyond descriptive coding can be challenging. In this talk, I explore some of the ways in which different kinds of collaboration – with colleagues, across disciplines, with different publics – can help with a more analytical approach to our data. Rather than focusing on convergence (for instance, in techniques such as member checking or double coding), I will take examples of divergence and comparisons in analysis to initiate discussion of the value of collaborating.

### **'Work in progress'**

Following Judith's talk, we will have time for Q&A, before the final part of the session, which will be dedicated to supportive 'work in progress' discussions. Forum members Dr Hannah Farrimond, Anastasia Kovalenko and Dima Arafah will each present a challenge they are currently grappling with and we will break into small groups to discuss these, exploring potential ways forward, as well as any useful resources.

