

SICSA Qualitative Data Day – 21st November 2012

This event took place at Edinburgh Napier University. Attendees came from various areas in Scotland and one person travelled from London. We were pleased to have 17 research students at various stages of their work in permanent attendance with 5 members of staff coming in and out through the day. We had an enlightening morning workshop with Eric Laurier from the Geography and the Lived Environment research institute at the University of Edinburgh. Eric demonstrated the complexities of video research and we had an engaging and lively discussion that lasted an hour and a half, all born from 90 seconds of video.

Catriona Macauley from the University of Dundee gave a fascinating presentation on the vagaries of Design Ethnography with practical examples. The day was also peppered with opportunities for students to present collected data of various kinds. These data were presented to the group to prompt debate on how best to interpret them. These sessions were chaired by Eva Hornecker from the University of Strathclyde. Having these three academics in the room afforded great insight into handling captured data and those that were preparing to gather data had ample input into the design of their work.