

Collection Methods for Child and Adolescent Data

Course Description:

Collecting data from children can be challenging as they may not have always have sufficient language and attention span to clearly articulate their needs, thoughts and feelings. This course provides an introduction to diverse data collection methods that have been tried and tested by researchers to elicit and document data from children. These methods range from traditional ethnographic observation and interview to visual-based methods and those involving props. How these methods can be used will be explained in the context of social service-related studies that have employed them in their research design. Participants will gain insights into the affordances and limitations of the methods. Tips for conducting research with children will also be shared.

Note: The focus of this introductory workshop will be on collecting data from neurotypical children and adolescents (age range: 7 – 16 years old).

Course Objectives:

At the end of the course, the participants will be able to:

- 1) Describe the various ways of collecting data from children,
- 2) State the affordances and limitations of the various data collection methods, and
- 3) Design research that apply the data collection methods introduced.

Topics Covered Include:

- Diverse methods of collecting data from children
- Affordances and limitations of various methods
- Considerations and tips when interviewing children
- Ethical considerations

Course Schedule:

- One day course from 9am to 6pm.
- For more information: <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/ssr/training/>

The workshop will be conducted in-person at the NUS Kent Ridge Campus. Participants will be informed of the venue after their registration is confirmed.

Pre-requisites:

Participants are required to have at least a Degree in any discipline, with preference given to social science and community health disciplines. Some prior experience in working with children and basic research knowledge would be preferred.

Who Should Attend:

The workshop targets policymakers, researchers, programme managers and practitioners, and seeks to equip them with the relevant knowledge and skills on collecting data from children and adolescents.

Trainer:

Dr Seah Lay Hoon is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies, National University of Singapore. Before joining IPS, she spent three years at the Social Service Research Centre supporting the development of research capabilities among social service professionals through advisory work, mentoring, and specialised training. Formally trained as an education researcher, Lay Hoon spent over a decade at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, where she engaged in participatory intervention research with school practitioners and contributed to teacher training. She earned her Master and PhD from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and completed her postdoctoral training at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Course Fees:

This course is SWDA-approved. Participants who are **Singaporeans or Singaporean Permanent Residents** will be eligible for subsidies of 50% of the course fees, excluding GST. Singaporean participants who are **aged 40 years old and above** will be eligible for higher subsidies of up to 70% of course fees. **Corporate-sponsored participants from SMEs** will be eligible for higher subsidies of up to 70% of course fees.

Participants must pass all assessment components, to be eligible for SWDA funding. The table below shows the breakdown of the course fee payable.

Course fees payable (incl. GST & excl. supplementary fee)	
Description	Collection Methods for Child and Adolescent Data
Full Course fee	
Course fee	S\$850.00
GST (9%)	S\$76.50
Course fee payable	S\$926.50
Enhanced Training Support for SMEs	
Course fee	S\$850.00
Nett course fee	S\$850.00
GST (9%)	S\$76.50
Less: Enhanced Training Support for SMEs - Subsidy	-S\$170.00
Less: Baseline SkillsFuture Funding - Grant	-S\$425.00
Course fee payable	S\$331.50
Singapore Citizen 40 years or older	
Course fee	S\$850.00
Nett course fee	S\$850.00
GST (9%)	S\$76.50
Less: Mid-Career Enhanced Subsidy - Subsidy	-S\$170.00
Less: Baseline SkillsFuture Funding - Grant	-S\$425.00
Course fee payable	S\$331.50
Baseline SkillsFuture Funding	
Course fee	S\$850.00
Nett course fee	S\$850.00
GST (9%)	S\$76.50
Less: Baseline SkillsFuture Funding - Grant	-S\$425.00
Course fee payable	S\$501.50
GST rate	The course fees payable above are inclusive of 9% GST rate.
Payment option	Please make payment after you have accepted our offer.
Allow payment by	The course fee can be paid by: Post-Secondary Education Account (Adhoc withdrawal form); SkillsFuture Credits (SFC); Online payment (Visa, Master, Amex, PayNow, Alipay).

*To be eligible for ETSS, course fees have to be fully paid for by the employer.

Registration:

You may register online through the [NUS L3AP Portal](#).

Registration is on a first come first served basis.