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**CALLING ALL...**

Postgraduate Students  
Teachers of Research Methods  
Social Science Researchers

a **FREE** opportunity to observe the data collection phase of one of a range of major British surveys. Participation involves attending a workshop and a chance to accompany an interviewer

**WORKSHOP**

- Overview of Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI)
- Introduction to the survey questionnaire
- Overview of the interviewing process

**FIELDWORK**

- Shadow a survey interviewer for one day
- Observe respondents answering the questionnaire in their own homes
- Observe how interviewers handle fieldwork situations

*To find out more about the scheme visit the web site or contact us at:*

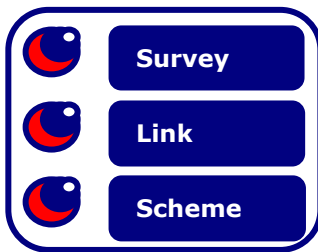
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## **SURVEY LINK SCHEME WORKSHOP**

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In conjunction with the **Office of National Statistics (ONS)** the Survey Link Scheme are running a **Free One-Day Workshop**.

The Scheme provides academics – postgraduates and teachers of social science methodology - with an insight into how major survey organisations conduct their surveys.

In particular, this will show how they use the following in the development of Interview Questionnaires.

- **BLAISE**
- **Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI)**

The workshops are designed to be helpful both to quantitative or qualitative researchers. The Scheme which has been running for several years also provides the opportunity for participants to accompany interviewers in the field. Although funded by ESRC it is open to all researchers and teachers of research methodology:

This Workshop features the **FAMILY RESOURCES SURVEY (FRS)** which is a continuous survey launched in October 1992 by the then Department of Social Security (DSS), (now the Department for Work and Pensions, DWP). The FRS has been carried out jointly by the ONS and NatCen (previously called SCPR) since 1992.

The main advantages of the FRS are the large sample size, the ability to identify benefit units and the inclusion of detailed questions relating to social security benefits. All this means that the DWP has a survey custom made to enable policy makers to forecast benefit levels accurately. The DWP uses the FRS data for policy monitoring and evaluation, benefit expenditure forecasting, and other analyses such as "Households Below Average Income", "Pensioners' Income Series" and "Individual Income Series"

The Workshop will consider the latest Survey available but details of the type of questions addressed can be seen on the Question Bank Website; and also the ONS website:

<http://qb.soc.surrey.ac.uk/surveys/frs/frsintro.htm>

[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/ssd/surveys/survey\\_family\\_resources.asp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/ssd/surveys/survey_family_resources.asp)

#### **Previous attendee said...**

"..... Almost every research student could benefit from attending a similar course, and many staff members would gain ..... as well.....It was a valuable workshop, even for an experienced researcher, and I think that it would be even more valuable for an inexperienced one, especially if ..... their research .....design and approach had not yet been fixed. I learned a lot, and would expect other people to do so as well... **Prof of Health Services and Research**