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The fast track to adulthood? Young men's journeys into parenthood

This lecture will explore the changing experiences of a sample of 31 young men, from a northern city in the UK, who became parents during their teenage years. They were recruited as part of a larger study into the changing lives of young people (the Young Lives and Times study), which was funded under the UK Economic and Social Research Council Timescapes programme. This programme advanced and showcased qualitative longitudinal methods of enquiry, demonstrating the power of this methodology to discern how and why lives unfold in distinctive ways. The presentation will examine the rich constellation of factors (sexual, relational, and socio-economic) that shape the trajectories of young fathers, and it will highlight the differences in experience between those from middle and low-income families. The discussion will be set within the context of changing theoretical understandings of transitions from youth to adulthood. Assumptions about the narrowly prescribed nature of such transitions are giving way to insights into their fluid, non linear nature. It will also shed new light on the gendered nature of young people's intimate relationships, and present a critique of the stereotypical view that young fathers are 'feckless' i.e. that they are disengaged from and uncaring about their children.

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