

Proposal for inaugurating an International Society for Longitudinal & Life Course Research

1. Aim

To promote interdisciplinary and inter-study understanding and collaboration in longitudinal and life course research, and provide a forum for discussion and publication of new ideas about all aspects of this topic.

2. Membership

Membership of the Society will be open to all those with an interest in this area.

3. Mode of operation

The Society will operate through:

- publication of the on-line journal *The International Journal of Longitudinal and Life Course Studies* that will publish refereed papers submitted from any person(s) and a forum for discussion of the field;
- an annual scientific and business meeting, and through any other scientific meetings and workshops that it may decide to convene;
- a Council elected from among the membership and elected officer president, secretary and treasurer supported by a part-time paid administrator (which should be administered from where a current member of the Committee is located)
- Communication with members and promotion of the society through a website and email correspondence

4. Constitution

The Society will need an agreed Constitution which will specify:

- how it is to operate, in terms for example of the size, responsibilities, terms of office of Committee members, and officer quorum size of the Committee that will organise and manage the mode of operation including the journal, scientific and business meeting and website
- the nature of the resources required to achieve its aims and how they are to be attained;
- the organisation and frequency of elections
- representative powers
- rules of membership
- how the society relates to Longview
- termination.

5. Income

The Society will need an income in order to support:

- the organisation of the annual meeting and payments associated with that meeting (e.g. speakers' travel and subsistence, secretarial and clerical help);
- Committee members' travel and subsistence associated with business meetings;

- running the business of the Society (e.g. secretarial and clerical help for maintenance of membership lists, auditors fees, office and communications costs)
- running the on-line journal (e.g. part-time managing editor's fee, costs associated with software and design, Editorial Board travel and subsistence).

Sources of income to be considered include:

- membership subscription;
- registration fee for the scientific meetings;
- an initial donation from Longview.