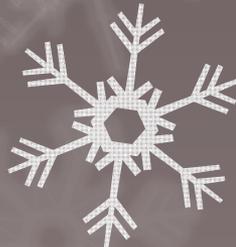


Fieldwork Reflections: Researching 'race' as a white researcher

Lisa Long



- Critical Race-Grounded Methodology (Malogon et al 2009)
- Semi structured qualitative interviews
- Black & black and white mixed 'race' people
- West Yorkshire Police- area
- Intersectionality (gender, age, class)



Critical Race Theory

'...names racist injuries and identifies their origins' and in doing so gives the 'victims' a voice, allowing them to become 'empowered participants'

(Solorzano and Yosso 2002:27).



On the 'boundaries of whiteness'?

- Recruitment
- Interviewing
- Analysis



‘...actively searching out and valuing the complexity and richness that comes with the mess’

([Gunaratnam 2003:104](#))

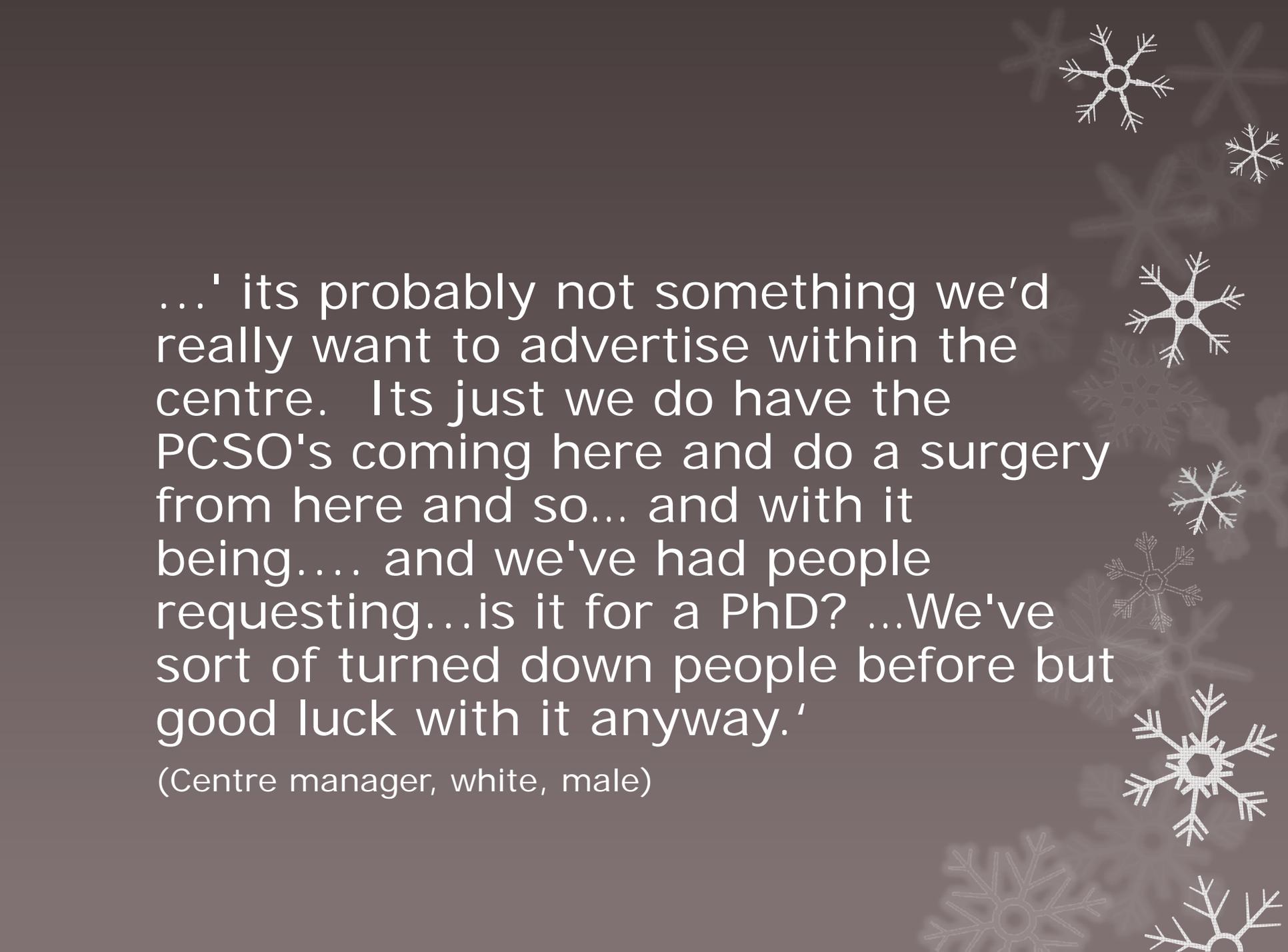


Recruitment

August 2013-December 2014

- Friends and contacts
- Flyer
- Email
- Facebook page
- Twitter





...' its probably not something we'd really want to advertise within the centre. Its just we do have the PCSO's coming here and do a surgery from here and so... and with it being.... and we've had people requesting...is it for a PhD? ...We've sort of turned down people before but good luck with it anyway.'

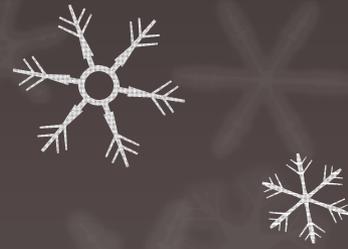
(Centre manager, white, male)

- Young people
- Communities over researched
- Sensitivities around policing –
Trust



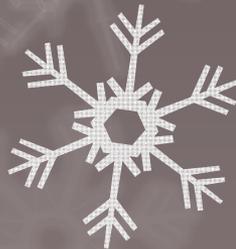
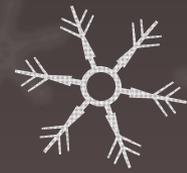
Interviews

- Multiple identities all partners in research relationship occupy e.g. gender, class etc.
- Self-Revelatory Mode
(Ladson-Billings 2000, Hunter 2005)



I really do credit ya and no offence because sometimes it can be misconstrued, but can you really empathise with that situation when you are ... I think its quite touching that people are still doing work on behalf of black communities that haven't got a voice. But we've still got these areas in Birmingham and Liverpool. Liverpool was seriously segregated where its whites, blacks and mixed race children somewhere along the line'.

(Janice, black, female, 38)



"Until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter."

Chinua Achebe



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