



SLUCKIN LECTURE 2018

# Adolescence as a Sensitive Period of Social Brain Development

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Adolescence is often characterised by seemingly irrational behaviours such as risk-taking and impulsivity. However, these can be interpreted as adaptive and rational if one considers that a key developmental goal of this period of life is to mature into an independent adult in an unstable and changing social world. Social cognitive processes involved in navigating an increasingly complex social world continue to develop throughout adolescence. In addition, areas of the social brain undergo reorganisation during the second decade of life, which might reflect a sensitive period for adapting to the social environment.



The event is followed by a drinks reception in the George Davies Centre Reception Atrium

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**The Chetwode Lecture Theatre,  
Ground floor, George Davies  
Centre, Lancaster Road,  
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5.00 - 6.00pm**