

Special Issue

The Future of Consumption: Children and Sustainability

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues One key stakeholder group in conceptualisations of sustainable living and changing consumption behaviour is young consumers. Young consumers are not only likely to have the opportunity to contribute to decisions determining the nature of a post-consumption future but also to be the ones most committed to its achievement (Emanuel and Adams, 2011). Further, childhood is a unique period during which attitudes towards, and patterns of, consumption are formed which provide the basis for long-term consumption behaviour (Connell et al., 2014). Childhood, therefore, provides an opportunity to establish values and norms of consumption behaviour that are more conducive to long-term sustainability. Breaking the cycle of (over) consumption begins by understanding the experience of those on whom the continuation of the cycle depends: young people. This Special Issue calls for the latest and most insightful research to understand the issues, roles, experiences and importance of young people in moving towards a more sustainable consumption future. The Special Issue also aims to develop a research agenda to encourage further studies in this area.

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