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Examples of Pictor produced by young people

The advantages of using Pictor with young people
Research Challenges with young people

The nature of childhood and adolescence in adult society

- Demands for greater methodological reflexivity
- Creates difficulties for rapport building

Research settings are generally adult environments

- Greater potential for demand characteristics
- Young people may have more difficulty expressing themselves

Young people have different levels of skills and confidence

- Requires sensitivity towards their abilities
- Demands consideration of potential language barriers
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Modifying the Pictor technique for effective interviewing with young people

- Define the topic to ensure an autonomous Pictor creation
- Include re-engagement tasks for those who struggle to focus or reflect
- Be shrewd with the timing of the creation of the participant arrow to reduce arrow order effects which may impact Pictor analysis
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The advantages of using Pictor with young people

- Aids rapport building
- Promotes reflexivity and accountability
- Clarifies understanding of social networks
- Facilitates exploration of more difficult, abstract meaning
- Increases participant autonomy/control