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JOAN SIMONS: My name is Joan Simons and I'm Associate Dean of Teaching Excellence at the Open University.

KATE FAIRBAIRN: I'm Kate Fairbairn. I'm an Associate Lecturer with the Open University and a co-author on this course.

JOAN SIMONS: The approach this course takes is looking at the why, the what, and the how of including children and young people in research. This free course has been developed alongside a project called Our Voices. The Our Voices Project has been designed specifically to promote the voices of children and young people in research about children and young people.

KATE FAIRBAIRN: The sort of things you'll learn will be very much based on other people's experience as well. So you'll get the chance to see other successful projects, things that all sorts of different people have done, young people, old people. And that'll help you as you start to think about the sort of direction you might want to go in, and the sort of project you might like to undertake yourself.

You've got four-hour sessions, but you don't have to do it all at the same time. You can fit into your busy schedule and do as much or as little as you can at any one time. Whether you're already working with children or thinking about doing so, whether you're an adult, a child, or a young person yourself, we're really looking forward to seeing you on our course.

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