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Experiences of paternity among young fathers

I will present a qualitative research on fatherhood that will be published in spring 2007. The research wanted to explore the relationship between young fathers and children, and the new ways to experience paternity.

The framework of the analysis is the need for family changes as a result of similar labour involvement of men and women.

Other topics of the research are new ideas about masculinity and the discussion of gender equality. Motherhood and fatherhood have been traditionally very different experiences, but the new generation of fathers tries to reconcile both, changing the behaviour and the stereotypes.

Our research has been based on 10 focus groups trying to detect new attitudes and new experiences among some young men quite ahead in family changes.

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