PhD candidate Emme Edmunds is in New Delhi conducting research on her dissertation. She recently gave a talk at Jawaharlal Nehru University on "Paradoxes of taboo: gender, knowledge and sex education among middle class people in Delhi".

Emme uses the midwifery model of "being with" to investigate local and global social histories as well as individual and group strategies of finding and creating knowledge about sexual and reproductive health and well-being in an environment of taboo. Further, she questions the interlinked natural categories of gendered and hetero-normative hierarchies as they work within taboo, and examines on-the-ground strategies to overcome silence, from scavenging to producing knowledge.

Along with interview and focus group data and media analysis, the educational efforts of several significant groups are highlighted such as the NGOs TARSHI, CREA, and NIRANTAR, the collective SAHELI, and the informal/internet group Queer Campus.