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A Study of Children's Participation in Small-Scale Indian Family Businesses in Coventry, Britain

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ABSTRACT This paper focuses on children aged between 10 and 15 years old, and their contribution to the management of small-scale family businesses in Coventry, Britain. Its focus is on their significant involvement in their family businesses which is often underestimated, undervalued and rendered almost insignificant. In respect of this, two issues are discussed viz.: the nature and extent of children's involvement in the family business and the reasons for their involvement in the family businesses. The aims that follow from this discussion are twofold viz. defining children's partnership by exploring the areas of their sense of belonging to it, and second, in adapting and applying children's understanding of 'work' and 'business' – in the context of the sociology of childhood and entrepreneurship in family businesses.