

## Information Sheet

**Research project:** Trans\* People, Gender Identities, Inclusion, Exclusion and Everyday Life.

My name is Rosie Bain, I am third year undergraduate student from the University of Glasgow. I am geography student from the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences at the university conducting a study for an Honours Geography Degree. The study examines the experiences, opinions and spaces used by people who identify as trans\*.

### **The main aim/objectives are:**

- Understanding the spaces that trans\* people use, where they feel included or excluded, where they feel is safe and places which would be avoided.
- Exploring whether trans\* people avoid negative behaviours by other people towards them and how this affects trans\* people's daily lives.
- Understanding the impacts that gendered spaces have on trans\* and non-binary people and if/how these impact people's daily lives.
- Investigating whether trans\* people feel they should be included in the grouping of LGBT+ or if they feel the issues they face are different from others in this group.
- Investigating whether hate crime or anti-discrimination laws protect trans people from all negative behaviours.
- Exploring whether negative behaviours from others impacts trans\* people's quality of life, particularly aspects such as schooling, job opportunities and emotions.

You are invited to take part in this research and any time you are able to give will be much appreciated.

### **What will taking part in the research involve?**

A 30-60 minute semi-structured interview

We will discuss some of the topics that are mentioned above in the research aims/objectives section.

The interview can take place in any public or community space that you are comfortable in such as a coffee shop, library, community centre. If this is not possible, or if you would prefer, the interview can also take place online, for example using Skype, email or other chat facilities, or by phone.

If you do take part in the interview you are still able to pause it at any time if you need a break or stop it completely, this is not a problem at all and you will not have to give a reason for this. You also do not have to answer any questions that you do not wish to but you are invited to discuss any relevant information and whatever you feel comfortable with discussing. Face-to-face interviews, phone interviews or skype interviews may be recorded for the purpose of making notes, however, if you are not comfortable with this you can let me know and I will not record the interview but it can still take place.

If you have any questions before or after the interview you will be provided with a contact email for myself (Rosie), my project supervisor and the ethics supervisor for the project.

### **What will happen to the information?**

Any information you give will be kept completely anonymous. Only I will have access to any information sheets or notes. In special circumstances these may be shared with my project supervisor, who also has an obligation to make sure that information remains anonymous. Physical copies of notes and recordings will be kept in a safe place, inaccessible by anyone else. Any electronic notes and recordings will be kept on password protected devices which no one else can access. Once the dissertation project has been submitted and marked all notes will be destroyed.

Any information you provide will be assigned a pseudonym, for example, a participant 'Bill Brown' would be assigned a name, for instance, 'John Smith' to make sure that their identity remained anonymous. Also, anything which you say that could give away your identity will not be included in the dissertation project so that no one can guess who you are by what you have said.

The research project will be completed by December 2016 and submitted as a 'dissertation' to the School of Geographical and Earth Sciences at the University of Glasgow. It will be assessed by my supervisor and possibly read by other staff members within the department. The dissertations are not public documents.

### **What are my rights?**

Any participation in this research project is entirely voluntary. You are allowed, at any point, to end your participation. You do not have to give a reason for this and any participation up until that point will be much appreciated. As mentioned above, if there is any aspect of the research that you are not comfortable partaking in please let me know and you can skip that aspect/question, this would be no problem at all.

### **What if I have any questions?**

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet, please contact me via email at 2085286b@student.gla.ac.uk for further information. If you wish to take part, you must sign a consent form. Please keep hold of the information sheet for future reference.

You can also contact my supervisor Chris Philo by email at Christopher.Philo@glasgow.ac.uk for further information if you have concerns about this project. This project has been approved by the GES Ethics Committee at the University of Glasgow

Thank you very much for your interest in this research project and any future participation.

Rosie Bain



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