

Participant Information Sheet

Project Title

Young people's housing aspirations: social capital, networks and inequality

What is the study about?

We would like to invite you to participate in a research study to further understand how young people use their social networks when navigating housing, and how these social networks shape their housing choices, aspirations and expectations.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you and you alone whether or not to take part. If you decide to take part, you will be free to withdraw at any time without providing a reason. If you withdraw from the study at any time, we will not collect any more data from you and any data collected up until the point will be destroyed.

You can also withdraw your data within 6 months of the interview. To withdraw your data, contact Trudi Tokarczyk at the contact details below with [X this number] that identifies your data.

You will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent from.

What would I be required to do?

Participation in this research study will involve an interview online using Microsoft Teams at a mutually convenient time. The interview will consist of three parts as follows:

1. Interview to gather some background information such as your age, gender, housing tenure and the length of time in your current home.
2. Social class measure – you will complete an online survey that will provide you with an instant result. This will take no more than 5 minutes.
3. Ego-net – you will be asked a series of questions to create a visual diagram of your 'social network'

With your permission, we would like to record the interview for accuracy purposes. Tape-recordings of discussions will be stored securely, and only be accessible to the researcher and the transcription service.

The interview should last between 60-90 minutes and will explore your housing choices, aspirations and expectations.

Will my participation be Anonymous and Confidential?

All data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Under GDPR the legal basis for processing personal data will be public interest/the official authority of the University. The interview data collected will be accessible only by the researcher involved in this study, unless explicit consent for wider access is given by means of the consent form. It will be stored electronically on a computer system, with the hard copy retained in a locked storage cupboard.

Only the researcher (and transcription services) will have access to the interview data which will be kept strictly confidential. The research data will be kept anonymous using participant ID codes. The anonymised words of individual participants may be used in dissemination of the findings,

publications and the final thesis but care will be taken to ensure that there are not identifiable details.

Storage and Destruction of Data Collected

I would like to record the conversation we have but will ask your permission to do so. All recordings will be treated with strict confidence, and any information that might identify you (such as your consent form) will be stored separately. When the interview is transcribed, all information that identifies you or others will be removed so that the transcripts are anonymous. Transcripts will be kept for 10 years in line with the University of Stirling data protection policies.

The interview data collected will be accessible by the researcher involved in this study, unless explicit consent for wider access is given by means of the consent form. It will be stored electronically on a computer system, with the hard copy retained in a locked storage cupboard.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

The findings of this study will help us to understand how young people draw on their support networks in their housing journey, and to what extent their past experiences influence their current housing choices. The findings of this project will be used in the final thesis and may also be used in publications.

Questions

You will have the opportunity to ask any questions in relation to this project before completing a Consent Form.

Consent and Approval

This research proposal has been scrutinised and been granted Ethical Approval through the University ethical approval process.

What should I do if I have concerns about this study?

You have the right to lodge a complaint against the University regarding data protection issues with the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>). The University's Data Protection Officer is Joanna Morrow, Deputy Secretary. If you have any questions relating to data protection these can be addressed to data.protection@stir.ac.uk in the first instance.

If you have any concerns about this study then please contact Professor Isobel Anderson at the details below.

Research Supervisor: Professor Isobel Anderson, University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA
Contact Details: isobel.anderson@stir.ac.uk or 01786 467718

Contact Details

If you would like to take part in this study, or you have any questions please contact Trudi Tokarczyk at the contact details below:

Researcher: Trudi Tokarczyk, University of Stirling, Stirling, FK9 4LA
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You will be given a copy of this information sheet to keep.

Thank you for your participation.