



Circles of Support Participant Information Sheet (Easy Read)

1. Big Society? Disabled People with Learning Disabilities and Civil Society

How are people with learning disabilities included in society?



2. Invitation

You are being asked to take part in a research project.



Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what you will be asked to do.



Important



Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish.

Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.



Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. Thank you for reading this.'



3. What is the project for?

We are doing the project because we want to find out how people with a learning disability are being included in society. We are interested in people's experiences of



circles of support



work



speaking up

We want to ask you about your experiences of circles of support



We would like to meet with you 3 times over a period of 18 months to find out about your circle of support



4. **Why have I been chosen?**

We are asking you because you have a circle of support. We will ask 5 other people who have a circle of support too. We will also speak to 5 people who are looking for or in employment, spend time with two self advocacy groups and we will also interview 10 people who work with people with a learning disability.

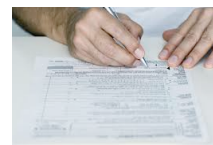
5. **Do I have to take part?**

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part.



You can say  **Yes** or  **No** or  **Don't Know**

If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep.





We will ask you to sign a consent form.

BUT

You can change your mind at any time and you don't have to tell us why.

6. **What will happen to me if I take part?**



If you say  **Yes** a researcher called Katherine  will come to see you three times. She will meet with you and, if you say yes, with other people in your circle of support to ask about your experiences.

7. What do I have to do?

You can tell us about your circle in words, drawings, using pictures or symbols if you like. Katherine will spend time with you to find out what you think.

8. What are the bad things that might happen if I take part?

Sometimes if there are things that make a person unhappy then talking about them can make them sad.



9. What are the good things that might happen if I take part?

We hope that your experiences will help other people to be included in society. Some people enjoy helping other people.



10. What happens if the research study stops earlier than expected?

We will tell you the reasons why.

11. What if something goes wrong?

If something goes wrong and doing the research makes you feel unhappy you can contact:



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12. Will you tell other people what I have said?



All the information that you give us will be confidential. We will not tell other people what your name is or what you have said

But

If you told us that you were in danger or someone else was then we might have to tell someone else.



13. Will I be recorded, and how will the recording be used?

If you say we can, we will record what you say using a voice recorder



We will use what you say in reports, articles and at conferences, but only people on the research team will be able to hear your voice.

We will keep the recordings on a computer which is password protected and we will destroy the recordings at the end of the project.

14. What will happen when we finish the project?

When we finish the project we will write a report. We will give you a copy of the report and we will show the report to other people who work with people with learning disabilities and people who make decisions about policy



15. Who is paying for the research?

The Economic and Social Research Council is paying for the research.. They are an organisation that is interested in people's lives.



16. Who has said this project is OK to do?

This project has been ethically approved via The Education Department's ethics review procedure at the University of Sheffield



17. For more information



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You will be given a copy of the information sheet and a signed consent form to keep.