

**New Development Frontiers?: The Role of Youth, Sport and Cultural Interventions**

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*I would like to invite your child to take part in my study. Before you and your child decide I would like you to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for your child. We will go through the information sheet and I will answer any questions you may have.*

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**What is the purpose of the study?**

This project investigates the role of sport, cultural and educational programmes in promoting sustainable development among young people in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), specifically to tackle poverty, conflict in fragile states, environmental sustainability, and gender inequality.

**Who is doing this research and why?**

This study is supported by the Economic Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Department for International Development (DFID) UK. Professor Richard Giulianotti is the principle investigator for this study, Dr James Esson, Dr Martha Saavedra and Dr Sagar Raj Sharma are the co-investigators.

**Are there any exclusion criteria?**

Yes. Participants should be under 18.

**What will my child be asked to do?**

Your child will be introduced to the researchers through his/her participation with local groups or non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Your child will be asked if they can be observed during their activities. They may be asked to participate in an interview that will last between 30 minutes to 1 hour or a group discussion session lasting the same amount of time. Interviews will be conducted at a time agreed with by your child and within the programme site. Follow up interviews with various children or NGO personnel may also be requested with the consent of the group and/or individual participants.

**Once my child takes part, can he/she change his/her mind?**

Yes. After you have read this information and asked any questions you may have if you are happy for your child to participate we will ask him/her to complete an Informed Consent Form and a child assent form, however if at any time, before, during or after the sessions that your child wishes to withdraw from the study please just contact the principle investigator. Your child can withdraw at any time, for any reason and your child will not be asked to explain his/her reasons for withdrawing.

Though, once the results of the study are published (expected April 2019), it will not be possible to withdraw your child’s individual data from the research.

**Will my child be required to attend any sessions and where will these be?**

Yes, your child may be required to attend sessions and these will be at a time agreed by you and will take place at your normal site of activity or work.

**How long will it take?**

We estimate that each interview will last between 30 minutes to a maximum of 1-hour.

**What personal information will be required from my child?**

Your child’s age, year of birth, gender, and his/her personal experience of participating/working within sport, cultural and educational programmes for social development in his/her community. Your child’s information will not be shared with anybody else and transcripts of discussion will not have his/her name on them.

**Are there any disadvantages or risks in participating?**

No. There are no risks. Information will be looked after with care and in the event that excerpts of the interview your child conducts are highlighted in the research, your child’s quote or feedback will not have his/her name on it.

**Will my child’s taking part in this study be kept confidential?**

Yes. Any data your child shares will be stored appropriately and recording consent will be sought before the beginning any session. Audio recordings will be saved for transcription and analysis but your child will not be able to be identified through these.

**I have some more questions; who should I contact?**

Richard Giulianotti- Principal Investigator

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**What will happen to the results of the study?**

The results of this study will be used to explore the ways in which young people experience sport and educational programming in Cape Verde, Nepal and Timor-Leste. The results will help to identify how programmes may be changed to have stronger benefits for young people, and how development organizations may improve their programmes, policies and practices. The results of the study will contribute to learning within the sector as well as contribute to academic papers and reports. Participants will not be able to be identified through the data, which will be stored permanently in Loughborough University’s Data Repository in accordance with the Data Protection Act of 1998 (DPA, 1998).

**What if I am not happy with how the research was conducted?**

If you are not happy with how the research was conducted, please contact Ms Jackie Green, the Secretary for the University’s Ethics Approvals (Human Participants) Sub-Committee:

Ms J Green, Research Office, Hazlerigg Building, Loughborough University, Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3TU. Tel: 01509 222423. Email: [J.A.Green@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:J.A.Green@lboro.ac.uk)

The University also has a policy relating to Research Misconduct and Whistle Blowing which is available online at <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/committees/ethics-approvals-human-participants/additionalinformation/codesofpractice/> .

**What are the possible benefits of participating?**

* Provides participants with the opportunity to voice opinions and share experiences.
* Gives organisations a chance to work with academics to create change and improved models of practice.