

## INFORMATION SHEET

### Supporting autistic adults to recall events

This study is looking at how interview questions can be adapted to support recall of important personal experiences by autistic adults. We are also examining this in adults without autism as a comparison.

The project is being led by Dr Katie Maras in the Department of Psychology at the University of Bath, in collaboration with Dr Laura Crane at University College London and Dr Jade Norris at the University of Bath.

Dr Norris is leading the day to day running of the research. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the research, you can contact Dr Norris by email, [j.norris@bath.ac.uk](mailto:j.norris@bath.ac.uk) or by phone on 07391 268 102. We would really appreciate your participation, because the outcomes of our study will help us understand more about how questioning techniques can be adapted to support adults with autism, which may be of use in important contexts such as police interviews, health and social care consultations, and job interviews.

If you decide to take part, you will be asked to recall specific memories of events that you have experienced (for example going to a concert, or a trip to the countryside). You will be asked to recall a particular event each time. In addition, you will be asked to take part in some other tasks and answer questions about yourself. The study is likely to take around three hours in total and you will receive £8 per hour for participation. We can have plenty of breaks and will recommend planning a session with a break. We can reimburse reasonable travel expenses (please ask if you're unsure about travel).

#### **To take part in this study you must:**

- have a formal diagnosis of Autism (including but not limited to Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC), Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDDNOS), etc. Please ask if you're unsure) and...
- be aged 18-65, and...
- speak English as a first language OR fluently, and...
- have normal vision, or vision that is corrected-to-normal by visual aids such as glasses, contact lenses, laser eye surgery, etc. However you can still take part if you are colour blind (If you're unsure, please do contact us to seek clarification)

Nobody except the project team will be allowed to see your individual files, and in the study you will be known only by a number. The information you provide is therefore completely confidential.

You do not have to take part in this study if you don't want to. If you decide to take part you may withdraw at any time without having to give a reason and without penalty.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee (SSREC) at the University of Bath.

**If you are interested in hearing more about this study, please contact Dr Jade Norris on:**

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