

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

You have been invited to take part in the research project, *BrExpats: Freedom of Movement, Citizenship and Brexit in the Lives of Britons Resident in the European Union*. We are currently recruiting people to take part in our case studies with Britons living in France and Spain, to document their experiences of the Brexit negotiations. Before you decide whether to participate, it is important that you understand why the research is being undertaken and what your participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and feel free to ask if you need any further information.

What is the purpose of the study?

BrExpats examines what Brexit - as it unfolds - entails for Britons resident, part- or full-time, in several national and local contexts in Europe. In this way, it questions how Brexit shapes what it means to be an expatriated Briton living in Europe and how this relates to the values that they place on their British and European Citizenship.

The research team will be conducting research between June 2017 and December 2019. The project will conclude January 2020.

Who is funding the study?

The study is funded by the Economic and Research Council and the UK in a Changing Europe Initiative (Grant Number ES/R000875/1). You can find out more about the initiative at www.ukandeu.ac.uk.

How can I find out more about the project?

Further information about the project is available at RCUK's Gateway to Research (<http://bit.ly/2rNOZp5>) and the project website (<https://brexitbritsabroad.org>).

Who are the project team?

The team is led by Dr. Michaela Benson (<http://bit.ly/2sFELqF>), and includes Professor Karen O'Reilly (<http://bit.ly/2r8uDvt>). The project is run from the Department of Sociology at Goldsmiths, University of London.

Why have I been invited to participate?

You have been asked to participate as a British citizen living in another European Union member state.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time until 31st July 2018 when the data will have been analysed.

What will happen if I do take part?

We will set up an interview at a time and location convenient to you. The interview will take approximately an hour. The interview will be semi-structured and designed to collect information about your concerns about and experience of Brexit and its impact on your life. With your permission, it will be recorded and transcribed; you will be offered a copy of the transcript for your records, and will have the opportunity to redact or amend this before it is considered for analysis.

What are the benefits of taking part?

There are no direct benefits to the participants of the research project. However, the project will also produce a range of outputs that you can freely access, including our podcast series *Brexit Brits Abroad* (<http://apple.co/2shBYqu>) and key trends reports. All project outputs will be reported through the website.

Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?

All personal information shared in interviews will be treated with the utmost confidentiality. We will discuss with you on an individual basis whether you desire anonymity and with what consequences. To maintain anonymity, data files will be given a code that can only be linked to the individual by a list kept in a locked filing cabinet at Goldsmiths. Electronic data files will be stored on an encrypted, password-protected computer, backed up regularly to an encrypted hard drive accessible only to the research. The recording will be transcribed by a vetted associate who will sign a confidentiality agreement.

What will happen to the results of the research?

The results of the research will be communicated to non-academic audiences through the podcast series, project blog, articles for online and news media, key trends reports (available to download from the project website), a research brief and policy roundtable. We also anticipate writing up the research for academic publication and conference papers.

Who has reviewed the study?

The research has been approved by the Research Ethics and Integrity Sub-committee at Goldsmiths. If you have any concerns over the way that the research has been conducted, please contact the REISC Secretary in the Research Services team (research-enterprise@gold.ac.uk; Tel: + 44 (0)20 7919 7770).

If you decide you want to take part, or if you require any further details about the project, please contact:

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