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What is this research about? This is a University of Sheffield study for the Economic and Social Research Council about how policy is made in relation to asylum seekers' rights to work, and what the implications of those policies are economically, socially and politically. As part of this study a range of individuals are being interviewed including politicians, policy makers, civil servants, activists, lobbyists, the representatives of NGOs and asylum seekers.

Why have I been selected to participate? You have been identified as a key individual either in the policy making sphere or within campaigning activity around the rights of asylum seekers to work.

What would taking part in this study involve? Your participation will involve a one to one interview with a researcher from Sheffield University which will last around one-two hours, depending on how much you have to say. The interview will be recorded but everything that you say will be completely confidential and will not be passed on to your employer, colleagues, or the media. You will be asked to sign a consent form before the interview begins. By doing this you will be agreeing to be interviewed, for the interview to be recorded, and for what you say to be quoted anonymously in research publications. In turn the researcher will sign, agreeing to uphold their ethical responsibilities as laid out by the University Ethics Committee, including maintaining participant anonymity.

What will happen to the information I provide? All interviews will be used for research purposes only and nothing that you say will be passed on to anybody outside of the research team. Your confidentiality will be carefully protected and once the discussions have been typed up, all names will be removed and any information that is particular to you so that you cannot be identified. The recordings will then be erased. If you wish your comments to be attributed to you (i.e. for the interview to not be confidential) then you can make this clear to the researcher at the outset. The research findings will be shared more broadly through publications and presentation at academic conferences.

Do I have to take part? No, your participation is entirely voluntary. Even if you decide to take part, you do not have to answer any questions that you feel uncomfortable with and you may leave the interview at any time.



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Statement by the participant

I have read the information provided, or it has been read to me. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about it and any questions I have been asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I consent voluntarily to be a participant in this study

Print Name of Participant _____

Signature of Participant _____

Date _____
Day/month/year

Statement by the researcher

I have accurately read out the information sheet to the potential participant, and to the best of my ability made sure that the participant understands that the following will be done:

1. The interview will be recorded
2. Their identity will be concealed in research publications
3. They will be provided with a copy of this consent document

I confirm that the participant was given an opportunity to ask questions about the study, and all the questions asked by the participant have been answered correctly and to the best of my ability. I confirm that the individual has not been coerced into giving consent, and the consent has been given freely and voluntarily.

Print Name of Researcher _____

Signature of Researcher _____

Date _____
Day/month/year