**Research into Young People’s Geographies**

**Information Sheet - Interviews**

**What is the study about and who is doing it?**

For some young people, *location* matters when deciding on which university they’d like to go to. We are trying to learn more about young people’s geographic preferences, in terms of where they see themselves living and where they really do not see themselves living. We are not only interested in what you think about the part of the country where you live now, but also other parts of the UK further away.

Taking part in the research involves talking to one of our researchers about your perceptions of different places in the UK and the geography of your university choices.

The study is being carried out by a group of experienced researchers from the University of Bath. We carry out research aimed at helping and supporting young people growing up in contemporary UK society. It is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – which supports researchers like us to learn more about social issues.

**What are the benefits of taking part?**

Taking part will help you in thinking about where in the country you’d like to go to university (and where you might not like to go!). It will also help you to understand more about your own attitudes and feelings about different parts of the UK, including the area and region where you went to school.

**Will anyone that reads our research know who I am?**

No, absolutely not. Your school will be made anonymous and you will not be identified in any report or other publication. Anything written down will be stored in a locked filing cabinet or on a password protected computer and will be kept secret and destroyed at the end of the research study.

We will write-up the findings of the research and this will help the development of policy in the future. Ultimately, this research will help to support other young people like yourself.

**How do I contact the research team to find out more about the project?**

Dr Michael Donnelly (Principal Investigator) - [m.p.donnelly@bath.ac.uk](mailto:m.p.donnelly@bath.ac.uk)

**Consent form**

I have read and understood the participant information sheet

I am happy to take part in this research

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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