

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

TIME, SPACE, BELONGING AND MENTAL HEALTH: PARTICIPATORY EXPERIENCES OF BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC DOCTORAL STUDENTS

This is a call inviting doctoral students from Black and minority ethnic backgrounds, currently studying at UEA to be partners in a research project. The project is funded by SMaRteN, the Student Mental Health Research Network (UKRI).

This project aims to explore the relationship between experiences of time, space, belonging and mental health amongst Black and minority ethnic doctoral students. If you are interested in working with a small group of 10-15 PGRs to use creative and participatory methods to map your experiences of 'belonging', we would love to hear from you. We welcome full-time and part-time PhD students from across all years and disciplines to apply.

What does taking part involve?

Your participation in the project will last from **November 2021 until July 2022**:

16th November 2021 (11.30am - 14.30pm) - Group Workshop 1: In this in-person workshop, we will discuss our project aims, ethical considerations and offer a hands-on experience of different methods you may choose to use to map your experiences of belonging over the course of the project. These methods may include drawing maps and timelines of personal/educational histories; using objects, photographs, journals, diaries, walking interviews and audio or video recordings. Lunch will be provided.

January 2022 - Group Workshop 2 (in-person/virtual - to be decided): We will meet to collectively analyse our data and materials and choose key highlights.

March 2022 - Group Workshop 3 (in-person/virtual - to be decided): In this 'futures' workshop, we will explore and imagine alternative, desirable visions of future times and spaces for doctoral students.

April - July 2022 - You will be invited to co-author a journal article with the group based on our data collection and participate in an exhibition and panel presentation to others at UEA. This element of the project is optional.

What are the benefits of taking part?

- The opportunity to co-author a journal article
- Help improve the experiences of future doctoral students
- Meet and collaborate with PGRs from across the university
- £100 thank-you voucher for completing the project

Please express your interest in participating at: <https://forms.office.com/r/WbBERfH3Qc>

Deadline: 05/11/21

Please note due to funding restrictions, the number of places available will be limited to 10-15

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