Did you migrate to the UK?

Are you between 16-25-years-old?

Would you like to become a Young Researcher?

If so, we would like to invite you to join our Children Caring on the Move (CCoM) research team.

What is the CCoM project about?

We often hear about the care that unaccompanied child migrants (sometimes also referred to as lone or separated child migrants) receive in the UK. But we don’t hear much at all about the care unaccompanied children provide for others. For example, they may care by listening, helping with meals and finding a place to live, sending money to family members, providing other unaccompanied children with advice and connections to necessary support services. But caring can be difficult and sometimes this can be treated with suspicion.

Our research project wants to know more about unaccompanied child migrants’ experiences of care, and caring for others, as they navigate complex asylum and welfare systems in England.

We want to know things like:

* Who do unaccompanied child care about and care for, and how
* Who cares for unaccompanied child migrants
* What do unaccompanied children think about the care they provide and receive
* How does this care affect children’s immigration status
* What helps children get the care they need and what makes this difficult

We think this research can help to ensure that unaccompanied child migrants are treated well in the UK. We hope that it will be an opportunity to positively influence policy, professional practice (such as social work and law), and public debates.

The CCoM project runs from May 2019-July 2022.

What will happen if I decide to take part?

We are inviting you to become a Young Researcher on the CCoM project. A researcher is someone who investigates a particular topic by collecting information on people’s views and experiences. On the CCoM project, we will do this in lots of different ways. We will use research methods such as interviewing, drawings, and using photographs.

CCoM is a participatory research project. This means that we will work with young migrants like yourself to design the research methods to make sure that they are meaningful and respectful. We believe that it is important that young people who have had similar experiences to unaccompanied child migrants are involved in planning and undertaking the research.

Young Researchers will be invited to be part of the research team throughout the project. They will receive training in research methods and then develop these skills through practising them under the supervision and support of experienced researchers.

Young researchers will be invited to assist will the following tasks:

* Design the research methods
* Help identify unaccompanied child migrants to take part in the research project
* Maintain contact with research participants over time and document their lives and perspectives
* Collect routine information about the situations and circumstances of research participants over time
* Map social networks of research participants over time
* Assist with in-depth interviews (including interpreting where possible)
* Write short monthly progress reports to be submitted to the research team
* Work as part of a team to take the project forward including resolving difficulties and challenges as they arise
* Share findings of the research through art, performance, speaking, or writing

What will Young Researchers gain from taking part?

Young Researchers will receive:

* A special training course in research methods
* An opportunity to build a portfolio of experience in research work
* Ongoing support and mentorships from researchers at Open University, UCL and the University of Northampton
* Regular team meetings in London (all travel costs provided)
* A chance to attend a residential course outside of London (all travel costs provided)
* Personalised guidance and support for career choices and development
* Opportunities to contribute to published outputs from the research to make the voices of young migrants heard. This includes receiving specialised training e.g., in vlogging, public speaking, performance
* A chance to influence policy and public discussions about migration and care
* Certificate of participation

What skills and experience do Young Researchers need?

* First-hand experience of migrating to the UK and direct knowledge of the circumstances of unaccompanied child migrants who may come from countries including Afghanistan, Albania, Eritrea, Syria, or Vietnam
* A clear interest in learning how to carry out research activities under the supervision of experienced researchers
* Ability to work well as part of a team
* Good time management skills
* Good communication skills in English
* Ability to use a computer and familiarity with social media
* A commitment to stay involved in the project for one year, and an interest to stay involved with the project throughout its duration

What else do I need to know about the taking part?

During the project (training, planning, research, and analysis of findings) we will meet individually and as a research group. We may record our discussions in writing or using audio recorders. This information will be kept safely and will only be seen by the research team. We might include some of the things you talk about in project publications and you might wish to write about the experience. But, you will not be identified unless you want to. People will read about the things that you say and do, but they will not know you said them.

Who is conducting the research?

CCoM researchers come from:

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CCoM is funded bythe ESRC, an organisation that supports independent and high quality research. You can find out more about them here: <https://esrc.ukri.org/>

I’m interested in becoming a Young Researcher. What do I do next?

If you would like to be considered for the research training opportunity then please send one-page to us by email ([r.rosen@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:r.rosen@ucl.ac.uk)) or give it to Ravena/Shiza at Red Cross:

1. Your name and contact details
2. Why you think you would be suitable for the position
3. What you think you can bring to the research project
4. What you think you will gain by being part of the research project.

We will contact you to discuss your application.

I have some questions. How can I contact the research team?

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**Young person GDPR privacy notice overview**

The Headlines

The law says that we have to keep any information you give us, like your name and address, safe. It is our job to tell you how we will collection the information, how we will record it and how we will use it.

Who looks after your information and how will it be used?

The research team and their universities are involved in this project is the data controller for your information. We will only collect, share and store data for the purposes of the research project. Your information will be shared within the project team, primarily in a way that we can identify you as a participant, however we take out any information that would identify you (for example, by giving you a false name) before sharing more widely or publishing the research.

Why do we collect and use your information?

As a university we use personal data to conduct research to improve health, care and services. This means that when you agree to take part in a research study, we will use your personal data in the ways needed to conduct and analyse the research study.

How long will we keep your information?

The data we collect from you will be kept for 10 years, following OU retention protocols. Identifiable personal data (name, contact details) will be destroyed immediately following the end of the project (September 2020). Audio files will also be destroyed by Sept 2020.

Who do I contact to ask questions about my personal data?

You can contact the Data Protection officer at the Open University by emailing [data-protection@open.ac.uk](mailto:data-protection@open.ac.uk) or telephoning 01908 653994. By post you can write to The Data Protection Officer, PO Box 497, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AT.

If you want to read more about Data Protection you can follow this link [ADD WEBSITE LINK]