



Disability and
Youth Transitions

Exploring Disabled Young People's Lives

Are you a disabled young person, aged 16-29?

Would you like to participate in a research project?

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The Project

- The research project is a collaboration between Newcastle, Glasgow and Northumbria Universities.
- The research is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council.
- We are doing research across the North East of England. We are also doing research in Glasgow and its surrounding areas.
- The project explores your experiences as you grow up and become adults.
- We know from previous research that the period between adolescence and adulthood can be difficult for disabled young people. It is also a time when you are exploring what you want to do and who you want to be.
- We want to hear about all kinds of things that you experience during this important time in your lives, for example, school, family, friendships, or support services.
- Understanding these issues will help guide policies that are designed to support you but do not always work as well as they should.
- It is important you understand what we are asking you to do so that you can make an informed choice about if and how you might like to participate.

Taking Part

- You are being asked to participate because you are a disabled young person.
- Taking part is completely up to you. If you decide to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form but you will be able to withdraw at any time without giving a reason.
- We are keen to involve a wide range of young people, aged between 16 and 29.
- We would like to include people with different kinds of disabilities. This includes young people with a learning disability, a physical disability, a long-term illness or health condition (mental or physical), and autistic or neurodiverse young people.
- We would like to work with people from different backgrounds. This includes race and ethnicity, class, sexuality and gender, as well as where people live.



- There are different things you can get involved in. We will work with you in a collaborative way. You decide what you would like to participate in and we can discuss that with you further.

The range of activities may include things like:

- speaking with you at different points in time.
- providing you with the opportunity to participate in creative activities like taking photographs or telling stories.
- We are planning to do this work in person but if you would prefer to be involved virtually, we can also do that.
- We will work in a way that suits your access needs and make any necessary adjustments.
- We will give you a gift voucher for your time for each activity you participate in.



Will the things I share be confidential?



- If you agree to take part, your interviews will be digitally recorded.
- The recordings will be transcribed. Any details about you (like your name) that could identify you will be removed.
- Once transcribed the audio files will be **deleted**.
- The transcribed interviews will be saved in a **secure university server** and paper copies kept in a **locked drawer**.
- In any public presentation of the data we have gathered from you, **nothing** will be used that could identify you.
- If you participate in any of the creative activities we will discuss with you what you would be happy to have used in public settings. Again, anything identifiable of you or anyone else will either **not** be used or adapted so no one could be identified.
- Very occasionally young people tell the researcher that someone may be at risk of, or has experienced harm or abuse. In these situations the researcher has an **obligation** to tell this information to an appropriate authority in order to make sure the person at risk is safe.
- At the end of the study the anonymised interview transcripts will be submitted to a public archive of research studies. We will seek **consent** for this from you when you complete your involvement in the study.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

The research findings will be used to:

- a) create recommendations for how policies aimed at helping you as you grow up could be improved.
- b) create resources that share stories about growing up as a disabled young person.
- c) share our findings in academic conferences and in academic publications.

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If you would like to explore the possibility of joining the research, contact Janice or Katie by email or mobile and they will answer any initial questions you have. They will then arrange a time to meet with you to go into more detail about the project.

If you are happy at that stage you can sign a consent form to say you would like to participate in the research. We will then set up the first activity.

Thank you for reading this information sheet!

