

Participant Information Sheet

It is important to read
this document carefully.
You can get someone to
help or contact us with
any questions.

Title: Doing intersectionality ‘in justice’: exploring intersectional experiences of policing with children and front-line police officers in Scotland

What is this project about?

This project was co-designed between a research team at the University of Strathclyde and a group of young people. We are interested in young people’s experiences and perceptions of policing. We are also interested in what things shape your interactions with the police, this could be things like age, gender, race, etc. We have been reviewing the available information from research articles, reports and books about young people’s experience of policing over the last 10 years and are interested in seeing what has changed and what has not changed in that time.



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Do I have to take part?

You do not have to take part. The focus group is voluntary. Choosing to take part, or not to take part, will not affect any support that you get.

What will I do in the project?

The focus group will involve a zine-making workshop about policing experiences and perceptions as well as group discussions about these topics. There will be up to 4 or 5 other young people in the focus group with you. We want to hear what you think about these topics in an engaging and new way. We might also use the zine that we make to talk to the police about similar issues, we will only share your zine if you give us permission. You do not have to take part, participation is voluntary and you can withdraw any time during the focus group. The focus group will be run by a researcher and up to two of our youth advisory group members. We will run these focus groups at the University of Strathclyde, in person and we estimate it will last approximately 1 hour.

Are there any risks to taking part?

You do not need to share any personal information to take part but the topics might make you think about things that are upsetting, or you might hear things that other people share. We will agree at the start of the session that what we share remains confidential.

We have included a list of support organisations at the end of this info sheet who can help you access support services if you want.

Are there any benefits for taking part?

We hope that the session will be interesting. We also hope that the research we do might help to change things for children and young people in the justice system, but we can't promise it will. You will receive compensation in vouchers for taking part.

What information is being collected?

We might take notes about the conversations, or things we create during the focus group (zines). We would like to audio record the session but we will agree if that is ok with the group first. We will ask your permission to photograph your zine too.

Who will have access to my information?

The project team will have access to your data. Your data will be anonymised and we will make sure that you cannot be identified from it. The Youth Advisory Group will also see anonymised quotes from the data. We will also ask for your permission to share this anonymous information. If you do not consent, we will not share your information.

The law tells us what we need to do to keep your data safe and we will follow this law at all times. This [Privacy Notice](#) for Research Participants has more information about what your legal rights are.

Withdrawing

If you want to withdraw during the focus group, you can let one of the researchers know. We will have a quick chat with you and can agree to delete any focus group data up to that point that you have provided. If you want to withdraw after the focus group, you have to let one of the researchers know within one week of the focus group taking place.

Will you tell people what I say?

We need to keep people in the project safe. So, the only time we might need to share your information is if you tell us that you, or someone else, is at risk of serious harm. We would try and talk to you first before sharing this information.

Other young people in the group will hear your stories too, so we will discuss confidentiality as a group at the start of the session.

What happens next?

If you are happy to take part, then you can read over the consent form and email it over to challengejustice@strath.ac.uk / hand it in at the start of the session

If you have any questions about taking part, you can email us at challengejustice@strath.ac.uk or contact us on 07920868997

Chief Investigator: Nina Vaswani. Email: nina.vaswani@strath.ac.uk

This research was approved by the University of Strathclyde Ethics Committee. If you have any questions or concerns that can't be sorted out by the researchers, please contact the Ethics Committee using the details below

University Ethics Committee

Telephone: 0141 548 3707

Email: ethics@strath.ac.uk

Support Organisations

These organisations provide confidential advice, or can contact other services to help you.

- The Mix

Free, confidential support for young people under 25 via online, social and mobile.

Phone: 0808 808 4994 Visit: www.themix.org.uk

- Shout

Shout 85258 is the UK's first free, confidential, 24/7 text support service. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and need mental health support.

Text 85258 Visit: www.giveusashout.org

- LGBT Youth Scotland

Local youth groups, digital support and online advice centre. Visit: www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/

- Citizen's Advice Scotland

Online advice, telephone helpline and local offices providing advice on things like benefits, housing, immigration, money, legal issues and health.

Visit: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/scotland/

Participant Consent Form

Make sure you fully understand before you sign this form. You can ask someone you trust to help.

- I have read the Participant Information Sheet for the Doing Intersectionality ‘in justice’ project, or someone has read it to me. I understand what it says and the researcher has answered any questions I have
- I have read the Privacy Notice, or someone has read it to me and I understand how my personal information will be used
- I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from the project any time during and up to one week after the focus group, without having to give a reason and without any consequences.
- I understand that I can request the withdrawal from the study of some personal information and that whenever possible researchers will comply with my request. This includes the following personal data:

audio recordings of interviews that identify me;
my personal information from transcripts.
- I understand that anonymised data (i.e. data that do not identify me personally) cannot be withdrawn once they have been included in the study.
- I understand that any information recorded in the interview will remain confidential and no information that identifies me will be made publicly available
- I consent to taking part in the project
- I consent to being audio recorded

Write name:

Sign Name:

Date: