



Perspectives of young autistic adults on their post-primary educational experiences in Ireland.

Participant Information Sheet

What is the purpose of this research study?

The reason for this research is to learn and understand more about autistic students' experiences in school. As an autistic person your voice is the most important. Only you can tell your story. Learning from you and other autistic people will help autistic and non-autistic people, including teachers and school staff understand how school can be, what can help autistic students and what does not.

What am I asking you to do?

To be in this study you need to be aged 18 to 22.

I am asking you to take part in an interview with me. The interview can be online or in-person. It is your choice. You can have a trusted person with you. You can give your answers by speaking, writing or typing. I will ask you questions about when you were at secondary school. The interview will not be more than 30 minutes. You can take breaks at any time. You can stop the interview at any time. I will give you the interview questions and any other information you need before the interview. With your agreement the interview will be recorded. This is to make sure that I am remember all of the information you tell me. If you choose to take part I will send you a wellbeing plan so that you can let me know what you need to feel comfortable during and after the interview.

What will I use the information for?

The information collected in the interviews will be used to write about what the research study found. Your words may be used by me to write about your experiences but it will not be possible to identify you. The research will be used as part of my Masters thesis. It may be published in a research journal in the future but it will not be possible to identify you.

Your privacy and rights

It is your choice to be a part of this study. It is okay to say no and to not participate. It is okay to leave the study at any time. There will be no consequences. If you chose to be a part of this study any personal information you give will remain confidential and will be anonymised.

This research study has been given permission to go ahead by the Mary Immaculate College Research Ethics Committee. All ethical measures will be followed. You can ask for a copy of the ethical guidelines for this study.

If you would like to participate in this research, or have any questions about this study you can email me at 19183143@micstudent.mic.ul.ie or course coordinator Emma O'Brien at Emma.obrien@mic.ul.ie

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet.

Yours sincerely,



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