**Information Sheet**

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**What imaginaries of their future do young adults on traineeships have and how do these contribute to understanding of Geographical exclusion?**

*Name of researcher: Simon Harris*

The study is being done as part of my master’s degree in the Department of Geography, Birkbeck, University of London. The study has received ethical approval.

This study investigates how young adults taking part in traineeships think about the world of work and how they fit in to it both now and in the future. It also aims to find out how secure they feel about getting and keeping paid-work, and making sure they continue to learn new skills.

You will be asked to take part in an interview over Microsoft Teams or Google Meet and this will be recorded. You will be asked questions as part of the interview that are directly relevant to the research question.

Data will be analysed by me after I have transcribed the conversation from the interview on to a Microsoft Word document. When I do this I will be looking for any themes from what you and other people I have interviewed have said. I will be using these themes alongside academic theories in order to answer my research question.

If you agree to take part, you will agree a convenient time and place for me to interview you for about an hour. You are free to stop the interview at any time. You can withdraw from the study up until the data you have provided has been anonymised and aggregated into a larger dataset from which it is impossible to extract, which is a process that takes approximately 12 weeks.

Your data will kept be anonymous by me and will be stored securely on a password protected document in password protected files, in password folders for a year after the submission of my dissertation in October 2021.

The analysis of your participation in this study will be written up in a report of the study for my degree. You will not be identifiable in the write up or any publication which might ensue.

Anonymized data will be made available to other researchers by its inclusion in my final dissertation.

The study is supervised by Dr Ella Harris who may be contacted at the above address and telephone number.

For information about Birkbeck’s data protection policies, please visit:

<http://www.bbk.ac.uk/about-us/policies/privacy>

If you have concerns about this study, please contact the School’s Ethics Officer sshpethics@bbk.ac.uk

You also have the right to submit a complaint to the Information Commissioner’s Office <https://ico.org.uk/>

**Consent form**

**Title of Study: What imaginaries of their future do young adults in traineeships have and how do these contribute to understanding of Geographical exclusion?**

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I have been informed about the nature of this study and willingly consent to take part in it.

I agree to the following data collection and processing approaches being used for my data

* A recording of an Interview held on MS Teams or Google Meet.
* A transcription of the interview being saved securely on a MS Word document.

I understand that I will not be identifiable in any presentation of this research without my further, written, consent.

I understand that I may withdraw my data at any time before it has been anonymised and combined with other data.

I understand that the anonymised form of the data I have provided will be made available to other researchers through publications and by being deposited in our data repository.

I am over 16 years of age.

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*There should be two signed copies, one for participant, one for researcher.*