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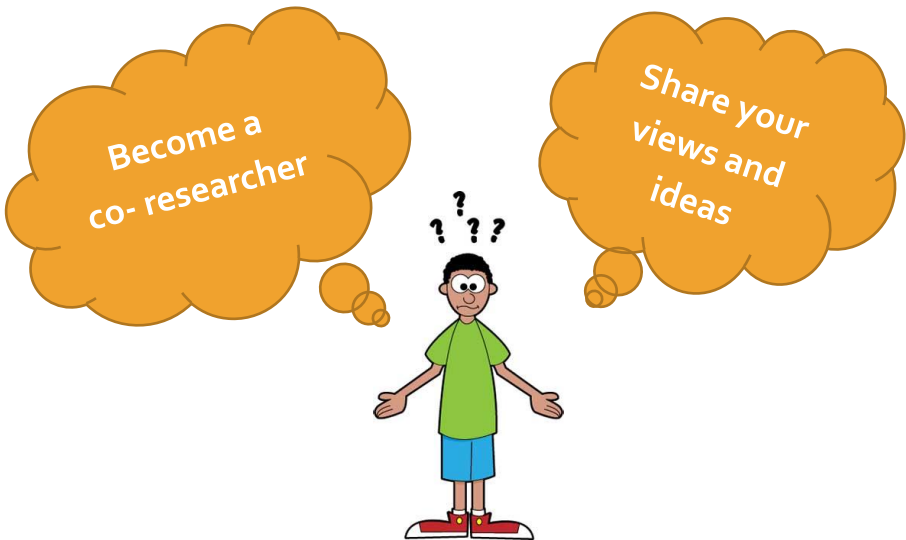


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RESEARCH PROJECT INFORMATION

The YouCount project is about young people's perspectives on social inclusion and new approaches to research for social change. In Preston we will focus on what a sense of community belonging means and how to increase this. We hope you and lots of other young people will help us to do this across Preston.

There are 2 options:



INVITATION TO TAKE PART

You are being invited to take part in a research study with the University of Central Lancashire and researchers and young people in nine other countries.

It is important that you understand why the research is being done, and what is involved, before you decide.

Please talk to the researchers, friends, family, or youth workers. Ask about any questions you have.

WHY HAVE I BEEN ASKED TO TAKE PART?

Because you have shown an interest in expressing your views about community belonging in Preston

DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART?

No! Taking part is voluntary

Who are we?

We are researchers at UCLan.

Our names are Deborah, Ismail, Gillian, Julie, Julian, Garry & Suzanne

What is this about?

1. Young people's views and ideas about social inclusion – in Preston we will focus on what it means to belong.

2. New approaches to research for social change.

What will happen?

Workshops and events where we ask you about Preston and belonging.

If you decide to be a co-researcher you can help design and plan these .

HOW WILL I DECIDE?

Take your time this week to decide whether to take part. If you want to take part, we will ask you to sign a consent form. If you are aged under 16 years and want to take part, we will also ask your parent/carer for their consent.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I TAKE PART?

You will work with researchers from UCLan, students and other young people. You will have opportunities to talk and make things that help us all to explore what community belonging means to young people in Preston. You will have chance to take photos and plan an exhibition about belonging in Preston if you want to.

These activities will take place in community settings in Preston, for example, the community centre, art venues or other public spaces. In the event of a lockdown, UCLan researchers will organise secure online meetings on Zoom.

We will also explore the potential of setting up a cooperative where young people are the majority of members. It will be up to you whether you want to do this or not.

If you are aged 14-19 you can take part as much or as little as you like by being either a...

Co-researcher citizen scientist

If you would like to get involved in designing, planning and doing some of the research activities, this is for you! Co-researchers are also citizen social scientists – sharing views and ideas about community belonging.

You can meet with the researchers and students from UCLan every 2 or 3 weeks from January 2022. You can keep working with us until July 2023 if you want to.

Or by being a ...

Community citizen social scientist

If you want to share your views and ideas at community events organised by the co-researchers, these will take place from April 2022 onwards. As a community citizen social scientist, you can take part in discussions, take photos around Preston, answer questions, or enter information on the YouCount app.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY?

The YouCount research will explore young people's social inclusion across cities in nine European countries. Each country's research is mainly about one of these three ways of thinking about social inclusion:

- Taking part in society, such as having a job or participating in social life
- Community belonging and social connectedness
- Citizenship and civic engagement, such as playing your part in local decision-making and exercising your rights and responsibilities

In the UK we will explore what influences whether or not young people in Preston feel they belong.

We hope to set up a cooperative so that young people are not just listened to but can actively impact what happens.

The UCLan researchers

Julie Ridley is the leader of the project and responsible for how we share information with the teams from other countries involved in YouCount.

Deborah Crook will be the main researcher who you see in Preston.

The other researchers you will meet are **Ismail Karolia, Gillian Holt, Julian Manley, and Suzanne Wilson.**

Working with them is **Garry Cook** who is a local photographer and **Ben Hunt** from Preston City Council.

UCLan students including those studying and experienced in youth work and film and media students. Where possible, youth workers already known to your community will support events.

How long will it take?

Workshops and events will last no more than 2 hours.

HOW WILL MY DATA BE USED?

The personal data we will collect from you is your name, date of birth, contact details (or your parents for under 16s) and an emergency contact. This will be used to keep you up to date with the project activities and events. These details will be kept separately from other data. A password protected copy will be kept on a university computer for use in the unlikely event of an emergency during workshops or other events. If you decide to withdraw from the project, we will destroy this information.

We will collect data about your views and ideas on the topics of social inclusion and community belonging. We will also collect data about young people's views and ideas on the approaches to research for social change. To help us understand this and compare experiences across the cases from nine European countries, we will also ask for details about your gender, religion, SEND, ethnicity, the area you live in, and school/college. This is known as special category data and we will only collect this with your explicit consent to do so.

If you choose to be a co-researcher, you can also attend online meetings with young people from the other European countries taking part. Meetings will be on the YouCount secure Teams space.

What will happen to what I say or create?

- You will create data by making video or audio recordings, drawings, diagrams, notes, art or by taking photographs.
- This will be kept on UCLan's secure computer servers or in locked cabinets in our offices. We will keep your names or other personal details in a different place to this.
- We will combine everyone's data together and anonymise it.
- This will become the results of the research and can be used to make presentations, that you can be involved in, to tell people about what young people think matters.
- We will also combine your anonymised data with that from young people in the other European countries. Your name or any data that would easily mean you can be identified, will never be shared.
- You may want to share photos or things that you make. We will ask you to make up a name for this (a pseudonym) to protect your identity.

LAWFUL BASIS

The University processes personal data as part of its research and teaching activities in accordance with the lawful basis of 'public task', and in accordance with the University's purpose of "advancing education, learning and research for the public benefit".

Under UK data protection legislation, the University acts as the Data Controller for personal data collected as part of the University's research. The University privacy notice for research participants can be found on the attached link

https://www.uclan.ac.uk/data_protection/privacy-notice-research-participants.php

Data will be kept until the end of the project (January 31st 2024) and then for a further 10 years. Summaries of the anonymised data will be kept indefinitely on UCLan's open data storage systems.

Only UCLan staff in the research team with DBS will have direct access to data.

Audio and video recordings will be uploaded on to UCLan's secure servers whilst on site. Where this is not immediately possible, recordings and other data will be kept with the researchers at all times until transferred back to UCLan and not left in a car or other unattended place. Personal data will be stored on university equipment and encrypted.

What will happen if I want to stop?

- Taking part in YouCount is voluntary.
- You can change your mind about taking part at any time.
- Please inform the researcher Deborah Crook or ask someone to do this on your behalf at dcrook5@uclan.ac.uk if you no longer want to take part. You do not have to say why you want to stop.
- We will destroy any contact details unless you ask us to keep these to inform you about events until the project finishes on 31st January 2024.
- If your data from workshops has already been anonymised and combined with what other young people have said or made, then it will not be possible to delete this.

Covid-19

You must not attend workshops if you have Covid-19 symptoms or a positive test. We will make sure you have the latest information before the project starts.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS IN TAKING PART?

There are no specific risks to taking part. However, you will be asked to share your views and experiences of life in Preston and sometimes this can be emotional. Your data will always be anonymised, but if you choose to attend public events, people beyond the research team will know you are involved in the YouCount project.

All researchers and participants are expected to be respectful and considerate of each other and work together to develop a supportive environment. As the project involves young people, all researchers must complete safeguarding training and we will always act upon any concerns. We will also work with local youth workers and professionals to provide signposting to local and national services where required.

COVID-19

The research involves face-to-face meetings, so there is still a potential increased risk of exposure to COVID-19. You are encouraged to wear face-coverings when in crowded or enclosed spaces in line with Government advice. Rooms will be well ventilated, and areas cleaned on a regular basis. If Government guidance changes so we cannot meet face to face, UCLan researchers will organise meetings on Zoom.

If Government guidance asks for this, we will collect your contact information for the sole purpose of contact tracing to control the coronavirus. Your contact information will not be accessed or shared with anyone other than the researcher, their supervisor (in case the researcher becomes unwell) and, only if required by Government, an NHS contact tracer. This information will not be used for any other purpose and will be destroyed 14 days after your last face to face contact.

Are there any benefits?

- We hope that you will enjoy taking part in the YouCount project and the opportunity to meet with other young people from across Preston and internationally.
- You will be asked to help UCLan researchers decide how to spend a small budget for supporting co-researchers. For example, you could contribute ideas about social events, prizes, gifts, and help to attend events
- We will always provide materials and refreshments at workshops. We will reimburse travel expenses if you decide to attend an event away from your neighbourhood.
- We will also take any reasonable measures to ensure you can take part equitably, for example, by providing a camera to use during the project.
- The project results will be used to inform and influence decision makers about what matters to young people.



Who can I contact if I have questions?

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What if I am unhappy or there is a problem?

Contact Julie and she will try to help. If you remain unhappy, or have a complaint which you feel you cannot come to us with, then please contact the Ethics, Integrity and Governance Unit at OfficerForEthics@uclan.ac.uk.

The University strives to maintain the highest standards of rigour in the processing of your data. However, if you have any concerns about the way in which the University processes your personal data, it is important that you are aware of your right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office by calling 0303 123 1113.

