

## **Information about the study on social networks and emotions**

I would like to invite participants to take part in the study on social networks and emotions. This study is a part of dissertation project on MSc Clinical Cognitive Neuroscience course at Sheffield Hallam University. It is designed to learn more about social networks (in terms of having friends, family, volunteering and being engaged in social groups and activities) and emotion processing in different age groups.

Input given by the participants would be very valuable and could contribute into better understanding how emotional processing is changing with age and also how is it related to one's social life. Collected data could enrich current knowledge in this field as it is planned to be published in a scientific journal. There is still a gap of knowledge in this field of knowledge and this study aims to cover some of unanswered questions and address some ambiguities by using new research design.

The study consists of one memory task (3 trials of remembering a list of words), self-reported questionnaires and two tests of general cognitive abilities. Each task and questionnaire has separate instruction on what to do and some of them will be administrated by the researcher. The study will take approximately 35-50 min in total and there will be no requirement for a follow-up study. It can take place at the one of University campuses or at the other place convenient to the participant.

Participants will be given more detailed information about the study and the opportunity to ask any questions before and after data collection.

Data is collected anonymously. All provided information will be kept confidential on encrypted external drive and will be accessed only by the researcher and a supervisor on a password protected computer. Data will be analyzed collectively and none else will have an access to individual data. Collated data will be published in the final report, and individual data will be destroyed when the research is over. University ethics policy ensures that participants interests are put first at all times and that the care is always taken to provide confidentiality and anonymity. Study was approved by the ethical committee and meets the University research standards.

Participation in the study is voluntary and participants may withdraw from the study without giving any reason and at any point during the testing or up to seven days after the data collection. All provided information will be destroyed immediately.

I would like to invite participants aged 55 years old or more who DO NOT suffer Alzheimer Disease or any other type of dementia. Both men and women are invited. All participants can have a great input into this field of knowledge regardless level of social activity or any other individual factors.

All your help will be greatly appreciated!

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