



Evaluating The Faith and Belief Forum's Community Connector Interfaith Dialogue Project

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

You are being invited to take part in research evaluating The Faith and Belief Forum's (F&BF's) interfaith dialogue project. Lucy Peacock, Research Fellow at Coventry University is leading this research. Before you decide to take part it is important you understand why the research is being conducted and what it will involve.

What is the purpose of the study?

We want to discover if and how F&BF's dialogue project has created opportunities for increased understanding both within and across communities and between faith communities and Local Authority. This research wants to understand how the has developed a) shared British values that champion tolerance, b) more integrated communities, and c) improved skills and capacity amongst cultural, faith and community leaders which help them to challenge inappropriate behaviour and prevent faith and race motivated hate instances or hate crime.

Why have I been chosen to take part?

You are invited to participate in this research because you are organising your second online community dialogue session.

What will happen if I decide to take part?

Either Lucy or Eimly Paffett (Research Assistant on the project) will be online during the community dialogue session. They will observe the session, writing notes about what people say and do. The session won't be recorded. When the researcher makes notes, all participants will be anonymous; this means that the research won't identify you as having led the session. If you agree to take part, you will be asked by the researcher to:

1. Announce that the event is being observed at the beginning of the session.
2. Allow the researcher to introduce themselves in the Zoom 'chat box', with a link to an information sheet about the research.

What are the benefits of taking part?

By agreeing to Lucy observing your event, you will be helping F&BF and Coventry University to better understand the effectiveness of the dialogue project. This project is the first of its kind and has the potential to break down barriers and stereotypes, forge shared British Values that challenge religion and race-related prejudice and hate, and promote cohesion and integration.

Are there any risks associated with taking part?

This study has been reviewed and approved through Coventry University's formal research ethics procedure. There are no significant risks associated with participation.

Do I have to take part?

No – it is entirely up to you whether you allow a researcher to observe your event. If you do decide to take part, please keep this Information Sheet and complete the Informed Consent Form to show that you understand your rights in relation to the research, and that you are happy to participate. You are free to withdraw your decision before the researcher observes, however, once the data has been collected from the event it is not possible to withdraw it (because it is anonymous and the researcher will be unable to identify it). A decision to withdraw before the event, or not to take part, will not affect you in any way.

Data Protection and Confidentiality

Your data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. All information collected about you will be kept strictly confidential and anonymous. Your data will only be viewed by the research team. All electronic data will be stored on a password-protected computer file on the lead researcher's secure university OneDrive account. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, no paper documents will be handled; all data and consent forms will be stored electronically and your consent information will be kept separately from your responses in order to minimise risk in the event of a data breach. The lead researcher will take responsibility for data deletion and all collected data will be destroyed on or before 31st March 2030.

Data Protection Rights

Coventry University is a Data Controller for the information you provide. You have the right to access information held about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation thereafter. You also have other rights including rights of correction, erasure, objection, and data portability. For more details, including the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office, please visit www.ico.org.uk. Questions, comments and requests about your personal data can also be sent to the University Data Protection Officer - enquiry.ipu@coventry.ac.uk

What will happen with the results of this study?

The results of this study will be summarised in a project report for the Faith and Belief Forum and their funder (the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government). The report may be made publicly available. Furthermore, anonymised results may be published by the researcher in one or more academic journal articles.

Making a Complaint

If you are unhappy with any aspect of this research, please first contact the lead researcher, Lucy Peacock, on lucy.peacock@coventry.ac.uk. If you still have concerns and wish to make a formal complaint, please write to Professor David McIlhatton, Director Research Quality, Centre for Trust, Peace & Social Relations, Tel +44 (0) 24 7765 1182; Email ac1376@coventry.ac.uk. In your letter please provide information about the research project, specify the name of the researcher and detail the nature of your complaint.