

Doorbells: Using theatre/film to explore housing options in later life

Participant information sheet – post-screening workshop discussions

You are being invited to take part in an evaluation being undertaken by researchers at Northumbria University, together with Elders Council Newcastle and Skimstone Arts. Before you decide whether or not to take part, it is important that you understand why the study is being carried out and what taking part will involve. Please read the following carefully, discussing it with others if you wish, and take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. Please contact the researchers using the details provided below if you would like to ask any questions or find out more information about the study.

What are the aims of the research?

Communities often have few opportunities to voice their opinions about their housing needs in later life. This project aims to use film to facilitate discussion about what people need to age well in their homes and communities, and the support and housing options that can help people to plan for and make well-informed housing decisions in later life.

Why would you like to hear from me?

We are keen to hear everyone's views about housing needs in later life, but particularly welcome the perspectives of people who are living on their own, ageing without children, or who are older carers, and whose voices are often not heard in conversations about housing.

Do I have to take part?

No. It is entirely up to you whether or not you would like to take part. If you do decide to take part in the study, you may stop at any time, up until the point when information collected has been anonymised, and you will not have to give a reason for changing your mind. **Your participation in the discussion will be taken as consent to use your anonymised information for the purpose of the research project.**

What will participation involve?

If you take part, you will be invited to view a short film about a character who is currently living on her own and considering her future housing options and which addresses themes about the quality, location and connectedness of our homes. Following the film, you will be asked to participate in facilitated discussion in a group of 8-12 people, about later life housing and related support needs. The film screening and discussion is anticipated to last 1.5 hours in total and will take place online. Information shared during the discussion will be captured in written notes by a member of the research team. You are free to stop your involvement in the discussion at any time point and you do not have to answer any questions that you do not wish to.

Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?

Yes. Notes from the discussion will be stored electronically in secure folders accessible only to the research team. Small quotes of your own words may be used in study reports, publications or presentations. However, your name will not appear in any reports or documents resulting from this study and any information that could lead you to be identified will not be included. Any information that you were to share that suggests that you or others are at risk of harm may have to be disclosed.

How will my data be stored, and how long will it be stored for?

All electronic data, including notes from the discussion, will be transferred to the University shared drive, which is password protected, as soon as possible after the discussion. All data will be stored in accordance with University guidelines and GDPR. Your information will be destroyed 3 years after the study is complete.

What are the benefits of taking part in the study?

You may not benefit directly from taking part in the study. However, your views will help to understand which forms of support would be most useful in helping plan for people's future housing needs. Some people find the process of discussion to be useful in itself.

What are the disadvantages of taking part in the study?

You will be asked to give up some of your time to take part in the discussion. You do not have to talk about anything you do not wish to and are able to withdraw from taking part in the research, without giving a reason, at any time prior to your data being anonymised.

What will happen to the results of the study?

Information will be used to develop resources to support people in preparing for later life housing decisions. Findings from the research will also be shared with key decision makers and frontline staff, with a view to guiding policy and practice around housing and associated support services. Findings may also be written up and published in journal articles and presented at conferences. All data will be anonymised, and you or the data you have provided will not be personally identifiable.

Who is organising and funding the study?

Northumbria University is organising this evaluation study in collaboration with Elders Council Newcastle, Skimstone Arts, and Care and Repair England. Funding to deliver the programme of film and subsequent theatre events has been provided by the Rayne Foundation.

Who has reviewed this study?

Before this study began, permission was granted from Northumbria University Research Ethics Committee. They reviewed the plans for how the study would be carried out in order to protect your interests.

What are my rights as a participant in this study?

Northumbria 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. 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 - Duncan James dp.officer@northumbria.ac.uk

Thank you

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