



Participant Information Sheet

Exploring Imagined Futures of Sexual Health in Scotland

You are invited to take part in a series of creative workshops.

To help you decide whether to take part, it is important for you to understand why this research is being done and what it will involve.

Please take time to read the following information carefully.

Talk to others about the study if you wish. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Please contact the researcher if there is anything that is not clear, or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of this study is to understand current experiences and ideas about sexual health in Scotland.

With increasing pressure placed on UK healthcare services, community members play an important role in improving practices of self-care and wellbeing.

The current project seeks to generate conversation and reflection about sexual health and to provide participants with the opportunity to unpack, exchange, and/or change their understanding of sexual health in Scotland for the future.

This study aims to answer: How do imagined futures shape the meaning of sexual health?

The workshops will be led by the researcher and a creative practitioner. They will be split into two parts: (1) A discussion of individual and collective meanings of sexual health. (2) A period of time to explore examples of imagined sexual health futures and to use art and illustration to create your own images of what sexual health means to you.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You have been invited to take part as a community member interested in the themes of healthcare, sexual health, community activism, health promotion, sex and relationships, practices of care and/or healthcare policy in Scotland, UK.

Do I have to take part?



No, participation in this study is voluntary. You decide if you wish to participate.

If you decide to take part, you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form.

If you decide to take part, you are free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason up to the anonymisation of the data collected. Deciding not to take part or withdrawing from the study will not affect the healthcare that you receive or your legal rights.

What will happen if I take part?

If you decide to take part, we ask that you reply to this email within ten (10) days. We will ask you to complete the consent form (see Page 6 in this document) and email it back to the researcher. You will be able to ask any questions via email or a telephone call.

You will be invited to take part in a series of creative workshop, which involves a group conversation and illustrative activity with up to 12 participants, 1-2 facilitators and the researcher. Discussion themes will include ethics, the role of culture in healthcare, hopes and worries about the future, activism and community participation, personal autonomy, and sexual rights. We expect each workshop to take between one and two hours.

You may be invited to take part in a post-workshop survey, in which we may ask about your experience during the workshop.

We will ask for your availability to find a time that is suitable for the workshop(s).

We will conduct the workshop(s) in person at the University of Edinburgh or Glasgow Caledonian University during the arranged date and time. Participants will be provided with return travel compensation to attend the workshop(s).

The workshops will be audio-recorded and transcribed may be transcribed by First Class Secretarial -- a third-party, GDPR-compliant provider of transcription services. With your permission, the researcher may take photos of the creative outputs during and/or after the workshop.

Is there anything I need to do or avoid?

No, you can continue your life as usual.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

There are no direct benefits to you taking part in this study. However, the results from this study might help to improve our understanding of experiences of sexual health in Scotland. This may also have an impact upon policy, funding, or commissioning of sexual health promotion at regional and national levels.

What are the possible disadvantages of taking part?

You will be asked to attend a series of creative workshop (1 to 2 hours each and up to two workshops). In some cases, you may be invited to attend an additional and voluntary workshop (1 to 2 hours) if you would like to further develop your creative outputs as part of a group.

Discussions of sex, sexuality, gender, and personal identity will occur during the workshop and may be sensitive for some participants. Professionally trained workshop facilitators will guide conversation and provide support and signposting before, during, and after each workshop. Participants will be provided with additional resources for mental and sexual health services in Edinburgh and/or Glasgow.

What if there are any problems?

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, please contact the researcher Chase Ledin at sexual.futures@ed.ac.uk who will do their best to answer your questions.

What will happen if I don't want to carry on with the study

You have the right to stop taking part in this study at any point without giving any explanation. If you choose to withdraw, we will delete your personal data and any contributions to this study and will not contact you any further.

You can withdraw your data collected during the workshops up to the point of anonymization of transcripts and creative outputs, after which the researcher will no longer be able to identify individual contributions.

What happens when the study is finished?

At the conclusion of each workshop, the facilitator will invite participants to take photos of their creative outputs, which the researchers will store in a secure university database. The researchers will remove personal information from the materials you provide us, including audio transcripts and individual creative works.

The researcher will use the data collected to write reports and share the findings. We will keep your personal data (name and contact information) for one year following the project completion (until 31st March 2025), at which time the personal data will be permanently deleted.

During the prescribed study period, your data will be kept in secure computer storage at the University of Edinburgh.

The anonymised transcripts and illustrations will be held in secure computer storage at the University of Edinburgh for 5 years.

Will my taking part be kept confidential?



All the information we collect during the research will be kept confidential and there are strict laws which safeguard your privacy at every stage.

How will we use information about you?

We will need to use information from you for this research project.

This information will include your name, pronouns, and contact information.

People who do not need to know who you are will not be able to see your name or contact details. Your data will have a code number instead.

We will keep all information about you safe and secure.

Once we have finished the study, we will keep some of the data so we can check the results. We will write our reports in a way that no one can work out that you took part in the study.

Your personal data (name and email address) will be kept for one year from the study completion or until March 2025.

What are your choices about how your information is used?

You can stop being part of the study at any time, without giving a reason, up to the point of anonymising the audio transcripts and creative outputs.

If you decide to stop being part of the study, the researcher will immediately delete your personal data and your creative outputs. The researcher will then no longer contact you.

Where can you find out more about how your information is used?

You can find out more about how we use your information”

- by asking one of the research team
- by contacting the Data Protection Officer at the University of Edinburgh
(telephone: 01316514114; email: dpo@ed.ac.uk)

What will happen to the results of the study?

This study will be written up as reports and presentations. You will not be identifiable from any published results.

Who is organising and funding the research?

This study has been organised by Dr Chase Ledin at the University of Edinburgh.



This research is undertaken as part of work by the Wellcome supported Centre for Biomedicine, Self and Society, specifically as part of Dr Chase Ledin's postdoctoral research fellow position with the Beyond Engagement team.

Who has reviewed the study?

The study proposal has been reviewed by the Edinburgh Medical School Research Ethics Committee.

Researcher Contact Details

If you have any further questions about the study please contact Chase Ledin at chase.leadin@ed.ac.uk.

Independent Contact Details

If you would like to discuss this study with someone independent of the study please contact Dr Ingrid Young at ingrid.young@ed.ac.uk

Complaints

If you wish to make a complaint about the study please contact:

Dr Ingrid Young, Senior Lecturer
Ingrid.young@ed.ac.uk

You can find out more about how we use your information and our legal basis for doing so in our Privacy Notice at <https://www.ed.ac.uk/data-protection/privacy-notice-research>

For further information on the use of personal data by the University of Edinburgh, please go to website: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/records-management/privacy-notice-research>

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer at dpo@ed.ac.uk who will investigate the matter.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data in a way that is not lawful you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) at <https://ico.org.uk/>.



Participant ID:

CONSENT FORM

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	Please initial box
1. I confirm that I have read and understand the participant information sheet for the above study. I have had the opportunity to consider the information, ask questions and have had these questions answered satisfactorily.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason and without my legal rights being affected.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I understand that relevant sections of my data collected during the study may be looked at by individuals from the Sponsor (University of Edinburgh), from regulatory authorities where it is relevant to my taking part in this research. I give permission for these individuals to have access to my data.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I understand that data collected about me during the study may be converted to anonymised data.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I agree to the audio recording of the workshop(s) and to photographs of any creative materials produced during the workshop(s).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. I agree to allow the researcher to share the audio recordings with a third-party transcription service.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I understand that any information I provide will be stored securely in line with University of Edinburgh policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. I understand that information about me will be treated in confidence.	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. I understand and agree that the anonymised information from the workshop may be made available to other researchers in the future for further research, but that this would be overseen by the University of Edinburgh and be in accordance with their strict rules of confidentiality.	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. I agree to be contacted about future studies related to the current study.	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. I agree to take part in the study	<input type="checkbox"/>

Email of Person Giving Consent		
Name of Person Giving Consent	Date	Signature
Name of Person Receiving Consent	Date	Signature

1x original – into Site File; 1x copy – to Participant;