



Pilmeny Development Project

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Participant Information Sheet

Why have I been asked to take part in the project?

Whether you have been asked to be interviewed, take part in a focus group, and join our oral history group or to be filmed as part of our anti-sectarianism film, you have been asked to take part as you are a member of the Leith community. As a result, your experience of living in Leith is essential for the project to gain an understanding of *real* Leithers views and experiences of sectarianism. The picture of how much it impacts on Leith will be painted by what you share with us.

Why take part in the project?

By taking part you can help build a knowledge base on the impact of sectarianism in Leith. How much of an issue it is now or has been in the past will depend on your input. The different ways it may take shape may also be better understood by your experiences and views. By taking part you will also have the opportunity to increase your confidence, gain new skills and meet new people.

Do I have to take part?

First and foremost, your participation in this project is entirely voluntary. How little or much you want to contribute is up to you. Whether you simply want to share a story of your experiences of sectarianism in Leith; or would like to be part of the more regular and in-depth pieces of work taking place, we welcome *any* contribution. If at any point you decide you would no longer like to take part, you are free to withdraw yourself from the project. All that we do ask if you would like to take part, is that you complete a consent form.

What will happen if I take part?

If you wish to take part there will be 4 activities you can become involved in:

- Individual interviews
- Focus groups
- Oral history group
- Be part of an anti-sectarianism film

Travel expenses and refreshments will be provided for all activities.

How will experiences/ views I share be used?

For any activity you decide to take part in you will be asked to complete a consent form explaining you are happy for what you share to be used in future Scottish Government and PDP reports. For those involved in the anti-sectarianism film, the views you share will be used as part of an educational resource for schools, youth and community groups.

As an issue, we recognise sectarianism can often be difficult to explore. Due to this all experiences and views you share will be recorded anonymously. It is vital that everyone taking part feels comfortable sharing their experiences.

Who will have access to information about me?

- The only people who will have access to personal data you provide will be the anti-sectarianism development worker and PDP Manager.
- All data held will also be stored securely in a locked filing cabinet and encrypted on a password protected computer.
- All identities will remain anonymous and confidential (pseudonyms will be allocated)
- No data will be revealed which could identify you as taking part in this project.

Who is funding this project?

This project is being funded by the Scottish Government's Community Safety Unit.

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