

Research Title: The LGBTQ+ Student Experience at Sheffield Hallam University

You are invited to take part in research on the LGBTQ+ student experience at Sheffield Hallam. The aim of the research is to understand your experience as an LGBTQ+ student. You have been asked to take part as a member of the LGBTQ+ community to provide a representative depiction of issues which affect LGBT+ university students.

As part of this research, you will be asked to share two weeks in your life through photographs. You will be provided with a brief of information regarding the nature and content of photographs and are encouraged to ask questions. You will also be asked to attend a one on one discussion where you can talk the researchers through your images. The photographs which you supply as part of the research will also be used as part of a showcase on the LGBTQ+ student experience at Sheffield Hallam which will take place at Sheffield Hallam Students' Union and Sheffield Hallam University. You will also be asked to comment on the themes identified by the researchers but are under no obligation to do so.

You are encouraged to take photos which do not identify yourself or other individuals; however, in instances where you think the LGBTQ+ experience is best represented in a personal photo of yourself, your anonymity cannot be guaranteed. It is encouraged that you abstain from taking personal, identifiable photos of yourself to ensure your confidentiality and anonymity in the showcase.

To take part in the research, we ask that you complete a Participant Consent Form and an Asset Permission Form due to the nature of the research. If at any time you do not want to take part in the research project, you are free to withdrawal without any consequence. You are also not obligated to answer questions in the interview, if you do not want. If after your contribution you no longer want your data to be used, please contact the researchers by 4 March 2019 to withdraw from the study. After this date, your data will be used as the information will be completely anonymised.

Throughout the entirety of the research, your personal details, data, and photographs will be kept completely confidential and anonymous. The data will be held securely and can only be accessed by the two researchers listed below. After the data has been analysed, your personal details will be deleted in line with the General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018. The photographs you provide can be used up to five years' time after the research project has ended, though your personal information will in no way be tied to these (as outlined in the Asset Permission Form). Data protection allows us to use personal data for research with appropriate safeguards in place under the legal basis of public tasks that are in the public interest. A full statement of your rights can be found at <https://www.shu.ac.uk/about-this-website/privacy-policy/privacy-notice/privacy-notice-for-research>. However, all University research is reviewed to ensure that participants are treated appropriately and their rights respected. This study was approved by UREC with Converis number ER10350314. Further information at <https://www.shu.ac.uk/research/ethics-integrity-and-practice>

This research and exhibit will provide an opportunity to spread awareness about issues which affect the LGBTQ+ student population. The exhibit will provide an opportunity to display and discuss these issues with the wider university population including staff and students. The research will also be used in Sheffield Hallam Students' Union's Student Voice Report which directly feeds into decision-making bodies within Sheffield Hallam University.

If you experience any adverse side effects by taking part, please contact the relevant Students' Union, University, or external support services which will be able to help you further.

Sheffield Hallam Students' Union Support

- Student Advice Centre - 0114 225 4148. You can also come to Level 1, The HUBS to talk to someone or schedule an appointment. Please see: https://www.hallamstudentsunion.com/advice_help/

Sheffield Hallam University Support

- University Wellbeing - 0114 225 2136. You can also come to Level 1, Surrey Building, City Campus to talk to someone or schedule an appointment. Please see: <https://www.shu.ac.uk/current-students/student-support/student-wellbeing>

External Support Services

- Big White Wall - this is a free, confidential, 24-hour online community which is free for all Sheffield Hallam students to use. Please see: https://blogs.shu.ac.uk/lsss/big-white-wall/?doing_wp_cron=1535126242.1681110858917236328125
- Pink Counselling Sheffield - Safe, supportive counselling for LGBT+ people and people exploring their sexuality. Please see: <https://pinkcounsellingsheffield.weebly.com/>
- The Proud Trust - A support and information service for young LGBT+ people. Please see: <https://www.theproudtrust.org/>
- Trans Bare All (TBA) - A service that works with the Trans community helping people accept their bodies and live more fulfilled lives. Please see: <http://www.transbareall.co.uk/>

Should you have any questions about this research, please contact:

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Should you have any questions about how your data is used by the University, you would like to report a data security breach (e.g. if you think your personal data has been lost or disclosed inappropriately), or you would like to complain about how the University has used your personal data, please contact: DPO@shu.ac.uk

Should you have any concerns about with how the research was undertaken or how you were treated, please contact the Head of Research Ethics at Sheffield Hallam University (Ann Macaskill): a.macaskill@shu.ac.uk