

**Project Information Sheet**

**Study title:** Following Young Fathers Further

**Researcher:** Laura Way

# Invitation

We would like you to help us with our research study. Please read this information carefully and feel free to talk to others about the study. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you want to know more. Take time to decide if you want to take part. It is up to you if you want to do this. If you don’t then that’s fine, there aren’t any consequences.

# Why are we doing this research?

We would like to learn more about the lives of young dads as well as how we might better support them in their parenting journeys.

**Why have I been asked to take part?**

We are interested in the views of young dads involved in the Young Dads Collective.

**Do I have to take part?**

No. It is entirely up to you. If you do decide to take part:

* You will be asked to sign a consent form
* You will be given this information sheet to keep

You are free to stop taking part at any time during the research without giving a reason. If you decide to stop, there will be no consequences.

# What will happen if I take part?

* There is the potential to take part in up to four interviews with the researcher across four years,
* , if you wish,
* The interviews will be audio-recorded,
* They will last about 60 minutes each,
* You will not have to answer any questions you are not happy to,
* We will go through the information sheet again at each interview and you can say whether you are happy to still take part,
* In exchange for your time and effort, we will give you £10 Love2Shop voucher per interview to say thank you.

**What will I be asked to do?**

The interviews are an opportunity for you to talk about your experiences as a young dad.

Your views will be treated with respect and confidentiality.

The interview will be confidential unless you reveal that you or someone you know is at serious risk of harm. Laura will talk about it with you so that we can work out together how best to handle it.

You do not have to answer any questions that you don’t want to.

# What happens after the interview?

The interview recording will be typed out.

All information that is collected about you during the research will be kept strictly confidential.

Your information will be made anonymous and you will be given a pseudonym (fake name). Only the researchers will know your real name and personal information.

Any publications that are written based on the study will not reveal any of your personal details and your identity will be protected.

Once the study is complete all information will be kept for 12 months by the research team and then archived in the Timescapes Archive (see archiving information sheet).

**What it I don’t want to do the research anymore?**

Just tell the researcher, Laura at any time, or let your support worker know and they will speak to her.

**What if there is a problem?**

Speak to Laura in person, by e-mail or by phone and we’ll try sort the problem as quickly as possible. After this if you have any concerns then please email: ethics@lincoln.ac.uk.

**What will happen to the results of the research?**

The results will be shared through things like the publication of a book or the researchers speaking at conferences. We may also share your stories with support workers or on social media. If we do this, we will make sure that you can’t be identified. These will be made available to you if you wish to see them.

**Who has checked the study?**

The research has been checked by a Research Ethics Committee at the University of Lincoln – this group makes sure research is going to be done in a correct, fair way.

**Who is organising and funding the research?**

The research is being organised by the University of Lincoln and is funded by UK Research and Innovation who are a separate organisation.

**Contact for further information**

If you would like any further information about this study please speak to the researcher, Laura or the study Director, Anna.

**Contact**

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**Privacy notice**

The University of Lincoln is the lead organisation for this study and will be the data controller for this study. This means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. The university’s Research Participant Privacy Notice <https://ethics.lincoln.ac.uk/research-privacy-notice/> will explain how we will be using information from you in order to undertake this study. Please let Laura know if you do not have access to the internet and she can provide you with a paper copy.

**Information Compliance**

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You can also make complaints directly to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO). The ICO is the independent authority upholding information rights for the UK. Their website is ico.org.uk and their telephone helpline number is 0303 123 1113.

**Thank you for your time – let me know if you have any questions.**