



The title of the research project

Disability Activism in Europe: Interviews Exploring Young Disabled People's Views and Experiences

Invitation paragraph

You are being invited to take part in a research project. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to review the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Please contact the researcher, Miro Griffiths (details at the end of this document) if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

What is the purpose of the project?

This project aims to explore young disabled people's experiences of disability activism and disability politics across Europe. The project will explore the opportunities and challenges encountered by young disabled people as they participate in disability activism across Europe, and the importance of disabled people's social movements.

Why have I been chosen?

In order to participate in the interview, you will need to confirm the following:

- your age is within the range of 18 to 35;
- you identify as a disabled person;
- you have experience/are interested in disability activism and disability politics;
- you live currently in a European country.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you decide to take part, please download and keep a copy of the information sheet and consent form. Your participation in this study is voluntary entirely and you can withdraw at any time and without explanation. During the interview, you do not have to answer any questions you do not want to and you can insist that the interview stops at any time and do not need to give a reason. If you want to withdraw part or all of your data after completing the interview, please email Miro Griffiths and outline what you would like removed. Please note: you will need to contact Miro Griffiths with a data withdrawal request within one month after completing the interview.

What do I have to do?/ What will happen to me if I take part?

It will take, approximately, 30 minutes to complete the interview. You will only need to take part in the interview once, unless you would like an additional meeting to provide more information.



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The interview will take place through a video conferencing platform (e.g. Microsoft Teams, Zoom, or Google Meet). You can choose your preferred video platform and Miro Griffiths will set up the meeting. Once you have selected your preferred video platform, Miro Griffiths will send you data processing and management information for your selected platform. This is so you understand how your data is processed by your selected platform.

You will need an Internet connection on a computer, laptop, mobile phone, or tablet to take part in the interview. The interview will be conducted in English.

During the interview, you will be asked questions with regard to your personal experiences of disability activism and social movements, as well as your opinion on improving participation within European disabled people's social movements. Some of the questions will have follow up questions, which is an opportunity for me to find out more information. At the end of the interview, you will have the option to ask any questions and provide any further information. You can also contact Miro Griffiths at any point after the interview.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

The interview will ask questions about accessibility and participation within activist networks and social movements. Reflecting on experiences of barriers is a sensitive topic, it may cause some discomfort and/or upset.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

Whilst there are no immediate benefits for those people participating in the interviews, it is hoped that this work will provide an original and important exploration of young disabled people's experiences of disability activism across Europe.

Use, dissemination and storage of research data and personal information

The interview will be recorded using software built into the chosen video conferencing platform. The interview data collected will be stored on a University of Leeds password protected cloud storage platform and removed from the video conferencing storage website. The data stored on Miro Griffiths' University of Leeds storage drives will be deleted by October 2028. This will be five years after the research has concluded.

Your interview responses will be combined with the responses from other participants and then analysed by Miro Griffiths. All personal identifiers will not be included in the analysis or subsequent publications linked to the research. This means I will keep your personal data confidential and will take all available measures to ensure you are not identified in the research. Description and summaries of all the interview responses collected will be used in future publications, such as conference papers, journal articles, and books. The research will also be stored in the University of Leeds research data repository, which will help other researchers exploring similar topics.

The research abides by the terms and conditions outlined in the [University of Leeds Privacy Notice](#). If you would like to discuss the terms and conditions surrounding privacy and data processing then please contact Miro Griffiths.

Who is organising/ funding the research?

Miro Griffiths is a paid employee of the University of Leeds. The Leverhulme Trust has partially funded Miro to carry out this research, and contributed towards research expenses.



Contact for further information

If you would like to contact Miro Griffiths about the research project, please use any of the following methods:

Email – m.griffiths1@leeds.ac.uk

Phone – 0044 7835 413 238

If you would like to contact somebody to complain about Miro Griffiths' conduct during the research project, please contact Prof Angharad Beckett using the following method:

Email – A.E.Beckett@leeds.ac.uk

Thank you

Thank you for reviewing this information sheet. It is important to review the consent form prior to participating in the interview. The consent form can be accessed via research website: <https://disabilityactivism.leeds.ac.uk/getting-involved-in-the-research-2/interview-disability-activism-in-europe/online-interview-participant-information-materials/> or by contacting Miro Griffiths.

Please download a copy of the information sheet and consent form.