

Research Opportunities for u3a members

DISCLAIMER

We are often asked to publicise research studies and trials to our members. When we do so it is because we believe it may be of interest to you although we are not endorsing or promoting the research study in any way. Winchester u3a Committee has not undertaken any checks or due diligence on the relevant department or the study itself and accepts no liability, so if you choose to participate in the research, you do so at your own risk and in your own capacity. u3a insurance will not cover you.

I will also explain our policy regarding research studies in the Chairman's letter in the next newsletter.

1. Practice Listening and Understanding Speech

The following message was sent via the Winchester u3a web site, from a contact on page /committee.

It was addressed to Ann Edwards.

Please reply to Natalie Lerigo-Smith (Natalie.Lerigo-Smith1@nottingham.ac.uk). No phone number provided.

Dear Ann Edwards,

I'm getting in touch to ask whether you might be willing to share a research opportunity with your u3a members who may be interested in taking part. We are looking for people who find it hard to hear speech in noisy places, including hearing aid users, to join an online training study. The study aims to improve two new listening and thinking games as a support tool for people with hearing loss.

We will be testing two new listening and thinking games in a programme called PLUS (Practice Listening and Understanding Speech). These training games were developed with people with hearing loss and are designed to support everyday listening, including listening in noise.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the University of Nottingham Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Research Ethics Committee.

If you feel this may be of interest to your members, we would be very grateful if you could include the study in your newsletter, email updates or on your website. I am happy to send you a copy of the Participant Information Sheet and our study poster, which you are welcome to include in your communications and share with your members.

With best wishes,

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We are a partnership between Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and the University of Nottingham, supported by Nottinghamshire Healthcare and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trusts. We are funded by the National Institute for Health Research.

2. Older Adult Fraud Research Invitation

The following message was sent via the Winchester u3a web site, from a contact on page /committee.

It was addressed to Ann Edwards.

Please reply to Shannon Edwards (se220@leicester.ac.uk). Phone: 07875229713

Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Shannon Edwards and I am a Trainee Clinical Psychologist on the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (DClinPsy) programme at the University of Leicester alongside my supervisors, Professor Noelle Robertson and Dr Robin Green.

I am currently conducting doctoral research exploring the experiences of adults aged 65 and over who have been affected by fraud or deception by someone they knew or trusted, such as a partner, family member, friend, or professional. This research aims to improve understanding of how these experiences affect older adults, inform clinical practice, and support the development of services and safeguarding strategies.

I am writing to ask whether your organisation would be willing to share information about this study with your members who may be interested in taking part. Participation involves a confidential interview lasting up to 75 minutes, which can be conducted in person (East Midlands) or online via Microsoft Teams. All identifiable information will be removed to protect participants' identities. All participants will receive a £20 Love2Shop voucher as a thank you for their time.

I will happily share a recruitment poster with further details, which could be shared via email, newsletter, or social media if appropriate, along with the Participant Information Sheet for your reference. Importantly, I am not asking you to disclose any personal or identifiable information about the people you support, all contact with any potential participants would be entirely optional and initiated by them

This research has been reviewed and approved by the University of Leicester Research Ethics Committee, and a distress protocol and safeguarding procedure are in place, in line with University policy.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

With thanks,

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