

You're Making History!

Participant Information Sheet

Title of the study: Glasgow Women's Library: A Transformative Service Space

Introduction

We are four academic researchers from the University of Strathclyde: Kathy Hamilton, Holly Porteous, Sarah Edwards and Juliette Wilson. We are currently working on a project in collaboration with Glasgow Women's Library (GWL) about the impact it makes on people. The project is funded by the Leverhulme Trust.

What is the purpose of this research?

This research aims to explore GWL as a unique community space and how it generates transformative value for individuals, groups, and communities.

How and why we would like you to take part:

We would like to capture people's views, memories or experiences of GWL in different ways. One of the ways is through a creative project. We would like you to take part bringing your knowledge of GWL but needing no artistic experience or skills!

What will you do in the project?

This is an opportunity to take part in a workshop facilitated by artist Helen de Main. Helen will be working with a small group who will be supported to create a postcard sized artwork each which will then be transformed into a print by Helen. You can keep a copy of the print and a copy will be added to GWL's archive.

The workshop will be followed with a short audio-recorded conversation with one of the researchers when you explain how your artwork reflects your experiences at GWL.

Where and how will it take place? This workshop with Helen will take place using zoom. We can make sure you are supported if this is new to you. We will send each group member the information and materials they need.

Do you have to take part?

Your decision to take part in this study is voluntary. If you do decide to take part you can change your mind at any time and withdraw without giving a reason.

Why have you been invited to take part?

We are inviting people who are familiar with GWL and have spent time there. This includes staff and volunteers, and users.

What information is being collected in the project?

We are interested in the personal impacts/benefits you have obtained through your involvement with GWL. Any personal information you provide is entirely up to you..

Who will have access to the information?

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The academic researchers listed above, Glasgow Women's Library staff, and an external transcription service will have access to the information.

Where will the information be stored and how long will it be kept for?

Multiple copies of the postcard-sized print you create will be printed. Glasgow Women's Library will retain one for its collection and you may retain the rest.

A copy of the artwork and information gathered during the follow-up conversations will be kept by the researchers. These will be safely stored on password protected university computers or in locked offices at the University of Strathclyde.

Thank you for reading this information – please ask any questions if you are unsure about what is written here. Please also read our [Privacy Notice for Research Participants](#)

What happens next?

If you are happy to be involved in the project you will be asked to sign a consent form to confirm this. If you do not want to be involved in the project then thank you for your attention.

The results of the wider research about GWL and the impact it makes will be shared through presentations, published articles and written reports. We may use photographs of your print in these outputs. These will be anonymised and no information that identifies you will be made publicly available by the researchers.

GWL may also share your artwork online and/or in an exhibition. You can choose to have your name attached to your artwork or you can choose to remain anonymous (please tick the relevant option below)

Researcher contact details:

Any queries should be directed to Prof Kathy Hamilton at the University of Strathclyde as Chief Investigator:

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This research was granted ethical approval by the University of Strathclyde Ethics Committee. If you have any questions/concerns, during or after the research, or wish to contact an independent person to whom any questions may be directed or further information may be sought from, please contact:

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