

How can I get in touch?

• Will you tell anyone what I say?

Everything that you say will be kept confidential. It will go into an archive so that people in the future will be able to understand the lives of young people at the turn of the millennium. Your identity will be protected at all times.

• What will you do with the photographs, and other visual materials?

Also your drawings and photographs will be stored in the archive. You may also want to get a copy of these for yourself.

• Will anyone reading the book or articles be able to recognise me?

No, because you'll have a different name. You can help us choose it.

• Who is organising and funding the study?

This project is part of the Economic and Social Research Council's National Centre for Research Methods. Our research is based at the University of Leeds and is called 'Real Life Methods' because it is about people's real, everyday lives.

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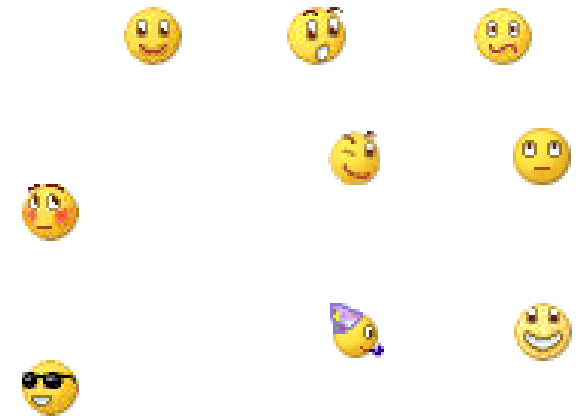


We hope to hear from you soon.
Thank you.

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young people's lives and times



An invitation to take part
in a research project
with young people



Who we are...

My name is Anna Bagnoli. I work with Bren Neale, Sarah Irwin, and Andrew Clark at the University of Leeds. We are interested in young people's lives, and especially in the people who they think are most important to them in their lives.

We need your help. We are hoping to involve 50 young people aged 12/13 in a research project, and to follow them up over several years. We want to talk to you about your life, the people who are important to you, what it is like to grow up in the new millennium, and what your own experiences are of this.

We would like to interview you every 18 months throughout the course of the study. We would also like to use a range of activities: text messaging, email, website and messenger chatting, as well as taking photographs, drawing, and so on. You can choose what feels best for you.

In this way we will be able to keep in touch with you from a distance, letting you decide how and when you want to be involved in the study.

We hope to learn a lot from you about what it means to be a young person in the new millennium. We will then write articles and books, to share what we have learnt with many others, including young people like you. In this way our project will give people a better understanding of young people's lives from young people's own point of view.

We would also like to set up a Panel of young people who will advise us on the study from time to time.

Some questions

that you may have

• Do I have to say 'yes' to talking to you?

No. It is your choice. No one will mind if you don't want to take part. You can also change your mind at any time. Just let Anna, Bren, or Andrew know.

• How long do I have to stay in the study for?

We would very much like this to be a positive experience for you, and hope that you may want to stay in the study for up to 10 years. However, you are free to leave the study or to take a break at any time, should you wish to do so.

• Where and when will we meet?

It could be your house, or any other place where you usually spend your time, wherever you feel most comfortable. You can also choose a good time to meet.

• Who will be there?

Anna, Bren, or Andrew will be there. It may be that you also want someone else to be there, like a friend of yours.