

Searching for volunteers to participate in a small-scale research project!

Dear reader,

I am a Masters student in the Department of Sociology of Law at Lund University in Sweden. I would like to invite you to participate in research I am undertaking as part of my studies.

My research project, with the title “A qualitative case study of the impact of counter-terrorism measures on young Muslims in Australia”, attempt to explore the experiences and perceptions of young Muslims in Brisbane of the impact of counter-terrorism measures (on themselves and their communities). The research thesis also seeks to investigate young Muslims' understanding of citizenship in the context of contemporary Australian counter-terrorism strategies. Considering the political climate we now live in both globally and nationally, I believe that highlighting the Muslim experience and perspective of counter-terrorism laws and practices, is very important. This standpoint has traditionally been neglected, but my intent is to contribute to my research community by giving voice to the people, potentially, most affected by counter-terrorism laws and politics.

The participants I am searching for would be both *men and women* between *18 and 29 years old*. If you would like to participate in this small-scale study, this will involve being interviewed once and it is expected that the interviews will last no longer than one hour. The interviews will take place in March and I can undertake the interview at a time and place that is convenient for you. All interview data will be treated with the utmost respect and will be stored securely. However, information about the project, including interview data, will be shared with my dissertation supervisor and other appropriate staff of the University.

You may be concerned that other people will be able to know what you've said in the interview, I will do my very best to protect you from this by removing identity information, for example, changing your name and your exact age. You will be able to withdraw from the project at any time. The final dissertation resulting from this project will be publicly available through the University Online library and on your request it can also be sent to you.

I would be very grateful if you would be willing to participate and help me finish my Master and this highly relevant and important research project. If you have any questions please email me: anna.messa1@gmail.com or call me: 0431-331391.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Anna Messa