

## **Participant Information Sheet**

### **The title of the research project**

“Inclusivity and Adversity in the Eurovision Song Content”

### **Invitation to take part**

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 read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether you wish to take part.

### **Who is organising/funding the research?**

This project is funded by the British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grants, reference SRG 2223/231077

### **What is the purpose of the project?**

The Eurovision Song Content is a global media event that takes place each year and a site of gay and transgender visibility and diversity. This project will explore LGBTQI+ communities experiences of Eurovision through surveys, interviews and observations that will examine attitudes, perceptions and practices that take place within the Eurovision environment. Given the growth in policy and media debate around the rights of minority individuals and communities, this research is designed to explore whether Eurovision can continue to be a site of intersectional inclusivity and LGBTQI+ citizenship for minority groups.

### **Why have I been invited?**

You have been invited to take part because you are a fan of Eurovision.

### **Do I have to take part?**

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part, you can download this information sheet to keep. You can withdraw from participation at any time and without giving a reason, simply by closing the browser page. Please note that once you have completed and submitted your survey responses, we are unable to remove your anonymised responses from the study.

Much of the information contained here is also on the survey pages, this is a copy for your records.

## **How long will the survey take to complete?**

The survey should take 10 minutes to complete.

## **What would taking part involve?**

You are being asked to complete an online survey, to discuss your experiences and activities in Eurovision: <https://bournemouth.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/eurovision>

## **What are the advantages and possible disadvantages or risks of taking part?**

Whilst there are no immediate benefits to you for participating in the project, it is hoped that that the benefits of taking part will be to identify the extent to which our LGBTQI+ communities feel safe and included at Eurovision and to promote inclusive and diverse activities at and surrounding the event.

Whilst we do not anticipate any risks to you in taking part in this study, this survey is anonymous and so you are unlikely to be identified in any publications.

## **What type of information will be sought from me and why is the collection of this information relevant for achieving the research project's objectives?**

You will be asked about your experiences of watching or attending Eurovision, and your impressions of Eurovision as a site of inclusivity, as well as what your favourite artist is!

## **Use of my information**

Bournemouth University (BU) is the organisation with overall responsibility for this study and the Data Controller of your personal information, which means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it appropriately. Research is a task that we perform in the public interest, as part of our core function as a university.

Undertaking this research study involves collecting and/or generating information about you. We manage research data strictly in accordance with:

- Ethical requirements; and
- Current data protection laws. These control use of information about identifiable individuals, but do not apply to anonymous research data: "anonymous" means that we have either removed or not collected any pieces of data or links to other data which identify a specific person as the subject or source of a research result.

BU's [Research Participant Privacy Notice](#) sets out more information about how we fulfil our responsibilities as a data controller and about your rights as an individual under the data protection legislation. We ask you to read this Notice so that you can fully understand the basis on which we will process your personal information.

Research data will be used only for the purposes of the study or related uses identified in the Privacy Notice or this Information Sheet.

#### *Publication*

Research results may be published in reports, journals, conference proceedings, web pages and other outputs related to Eurovision, during and after the duration of the project.

#### *Security and access controls*

BU will hold the information we collect about you in hard copy in a secure location and on a BU password protected secure network where held electronically.

#### *Sharing your personal information with third parties*

As well as BU staff working on the research project, we may also need to share your responses in anonymised form with the funder.

#### *Further use of your information*

Participation in this study is on the basis of consent: you do not have to complete the survey, and you can change your mind at any point before submitting the survey responses. We will use your data on the basis that it is necessary for the conduct of research, which is an activity in the public interest. We put safeguards in place to ensure that your responses are kept secure and only used as necessary for this research study and associated activities such as a research audit. Once you have submitted your survey response it will not be possible for us to remove it from the study analysis because you will not be identifiable.

The anonymous information collected may be used to support other research projects in the future and access to it in this form will not be restricted. It will not be possible for you to be identified from this data. Anonymised data will be added to BU's Online Research Data Repository (a central location where data is stored) and which will be publicly available.

You can find out more about your rights in relation to your data and how to raise queries or complaints in our Privacy Notice.

#### *Retention of research data*

We keep anonymised research data indefinitely, so that it can be used for other research as described above.

## **Contact for further information**

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact: Dr Jane Healy, Principal Academic, Department of Social Sciences and Social Work, Bournemouth University  
Phone: 01202 966512 Email: [jhealy@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:jhealy@bournemouth.ac.uk)

### *In case of complaints*

Any concerns about the study should be directed to Professor Jane Murphy, Deputy Dean for Research & Professional Practice, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, Bournemouth University by email to [researchgovernance@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:researchgovernance@bournemouth.ac.uk).

## **Finally**

If you decide to take part, you can download a copy of this information sheet for your records.

Thank you for considering taking part in this research project.