



COME, HELP US!

THE BORDERED YOUTH PROJECT

PHOTO BLOGGING

WHY GET INVOLVED:

Do you want your voice to be heard?

Do you want to make change in your community?

THEN JOIN US!

WE NEED YOU BECAUSE:

Young peoples' voices are important. We want to make real change for our communities. We want to hear your views on the issues that matter, come and join us to share your experiences of Brexit, citizenship and identity.

It doesn't matter if these are big issues, or topics that you might not fully understand. Together we will work through what they mean for us.

**YOUR VIEWS MATTER SO THIS IS YOUR INVITATION
TO JOIN THE BORDERED YOUTH PROJECT**

WHAT DO WE WANT TO KNOW?

We want to know more about how Brexit has changed your day-to-day lives and whether its made you think differently about who you are. In particular we are interested in your views on the future of the Irish Border and it's relevance to you!

These are **big** topics so to make them easier to understand we will ask you to collect images and photographs that best illustrate these ideas.

WHO DO WE NEED TO HELP US?

We need young people like you to help us! If you are aged 16 to 24 and:

- live alongside the Irish Border and commute or travel through it regularly;
- or live alongside the Irish Border but do not travel through it very often;
- or if you live in and around Belfast and have experienced new borders as a result of Belfast then we would like to hear from you!

If you aren't sure if you fit these categories but think you would like to take part don't worry about that - get in touch with us and we can talk about how we could get you to fit with our project.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART?

No!! We would love it if you did but you don't have to take part if you don't want to—and you can change your mind at any time!

ARE THERE ANY RISKS INVOLVED?

There are very few risks involved, but you will need to take photos/videos/etc when out and about. We will carry out a risk assessment with you to make sure that you are safe beforehand.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I TAKE PART?

If you decide you want to take part, you will be asked to **take photographs, videos and make short diary entries over a two-week period which you will send to us**. Your information will be kept secure and will only be viewed by the research team. At the end of the two weeks you will be invited to take part in **a conversation reflecting on the images, videos and entries you have uploaded**. This may be face-to-face or may take place online, it will be audio-recorded and then transcribed—but we will keep you anonymous. Some of your images may be used in a film-screening event in September 2023, but only if you give permission for them to be used in this way.

ARE THERE ANY GOOD THINGS ABOUT TAKING PART?

Conducting research about the world around you can be good fun and we hope that you will enjoy the process. The information you give us will be shared with policymakers, youth groups and organisations, as well as the wider academic

community. This means that **your contribution could make a real difference for young people living alongside the Irish Border and beyond!**

We hope that this experience will be empowering and confidence building, and that it will help you realise how much your views matter.

WILL PEOPLE KNOW I HAVE TAKEN PART?

Not unless you tell them. **We will keep your personal information anonymous**, so nobody will know that it is you.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE RESULTS?

The results will be used in lots of different ways. The research team aim to write academic articles, speak at conferences, and work with policymakers to share the information, but we will make sure you are kept anonymous. Once we don't need your information anymore it will be destroyed securely.

WE ARE THINKING ABOUT YOU!

This study has been approved by Ulster University's ethics committee to make sure you are kept safe.

WHO SHOULD I SPEAK TO IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about this project you should speak to Suzanne and you can contact her at s.beech@ulster.ac.uk

Suzanne has over 10 years experience researching young people so you are in safe hands.

