**Under 16 Combined Participant Information Sheet and Assent Form**

**Study Title:** Hegemonic Masculinity and Homophobic Aggression in Young People

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**What is the research about?**

My name is Ffion Davies and I am a Trainee Educational Psychologist at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom.

I am inviting you to participate in a study regarding masculinity and homophobic aggression in young people. My aim is to better understand factors which may lead to homophobic aggression including beliefs about masculinity, gender norms and levels of empathy. I hope that this research will contribute to the understanding of how to reduce homophobic aggression and bullying amongst young people in secondary schools.

This study was approved by the Faculty Research Ethics Committee (FREC) at the University of Southampton (Ethics/ERGO Number: 71517)

**What will happen to me if I take part?**

This study involves completing an anonymous questionnaire which should take approximately 30 minutes of your time. If you are happy to complete this survey, you will need to tick (check) the box below to show your assent. You can decline to assent to taking part in this research at any point. As this survey is anonymous, the researcher and staff at your school will not be able to know who provided which answers therefore after you have completed the survey it will not be possible to withdraw your responses.

**Why have I been asked to participate?**

Your school have agreed to help collect data for this research, therefore every student’s parent or guardian have been given a consent form asking their child to take part. You have been asked to take part because you are between the ages of 11 and 19 and your parent or guardian have given consent for you to participate. Your school is just one in several secondary schools I am hoping to collect data in. I am aiming to collect around 200 participants for this study. A member of staff at your school has a list of names of young people who have parental consent to take part and those who do not.

**What information will be collected?**

The questions in this survey ask for information in relation to your attitudes towards masculinity and gender roles. It will also ask about homophobic attitudes and aggression. Lastly, it will ask things about your personality such as empathy and self-esteem. The survey will also ask for your age and gender identity. This survey is anonymous and therefore will not ask for your name or other details which could identify you.

**What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

If you decide to take part in this study your participation will contribute to knowledge in this area of research.

Upon completion of the survey you will also have the opportunity to vote for a charity. Whichever charity has the most votes by the end of the research will receive a donation of £50 From the researcher on behalf of all the participants. This is optional and your choice will not be recorded as part of the study.

The charities you will be able to vote for are:

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| The Proud Trust  *A charity which supports LGBTQIA+ young people* | Friends of the Earth  *A charity dedicated to sustainability* | RSPCA  *Protecting pets and wildlife* | Cancer Research  *Funding research into beating cancer* |

Your school is also receiving a collection of books relating to Inclusion and Diversity as compensation for their participation.

**Are there any risks involved?**

It is expected that taking part in this study will not cause you any psychological discomfort and/or distress, however, should you feel uncomfortable you can leave the survey at any time by closing the window. If you would like more information or support relating to LGBTQIA+ topics or feel distressed after the survey you can visit the following websites for support:

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| The Proud Trust  theproudtrust.org | or | Young Minds  youngminds.org.uk |

**What will happen to the information collected?**

All information collected for this study will be stored on a secure server. Anonymous data will be kept on the University data repository (ePrints Soton) for use in future research and for people to check the validity of this research.

The information collected will be analysed and written up as part of the researcher’s thesis and published in a journal. The data collected will be anonymous and reports will not include information that can directly identify you or your school.

The University of Southampton conducts research to the highest standards of ethics and research integrity. In accordance with our Research Data Management Policy, data will be held for 10 years after the study has finished when it will be securely destroyed.

**What happens if there is a problem?**

If you are unhappy about any aspect of this study and would like to make a formal complaint, you can contact the Head of Research Integrity and Governance, University of Southampton, on the following contact details: Email: [rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk), phone: + 44 2380 595058.

Please quote the Ethics/ERGO number above. Please note that by making a complaint you might be no longer anonymous.

More information on your rights as a study participant is available via this link:

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/about/governance/participant-information.page>

**Thank you for reading this information sheet and considering taking part in this research.**

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| I have read and understood the information sheet above (*29.04.2022 /version no.1*) and have had the opportunity to ask questions about the study. |  |
| I agree to take part in this research project and agree for my anonymous data to be used for the purpose of this study and kept on the University data repository (ePrints Soton) for use in future research and for people to check the validity of this research. |  |
| I understand my participation is voluntary and I may withdraw, up until the point of survey completion, for any reason without my participation rights being affected. |  |
| I understand that after I have completed the survey I will not be able to withdraw as data is anonymous and it will not be possible to identify my responses. |  |