

This is Us D.E.A.F

Deaf Ethnic Access Facilitate



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DEWA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Deaf Ethnic Women's Association is a national organisation run and controlled by Deaf women from Minority Ethnic groups. DEWA provides a range of support and empowers Minority Ethnic Deaf women to have choice and control, be active and be successful in all aspects of their lives without compromising their identity.

We would like to invite you to take part in an important project.

This leaflet explains the aims of This Is Us D.E.A.F and what taking part will involve. Please read the information carefully and feel free to ask DEWA if anything is unclear or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the study?

This Is Us D.E.A.F will investigate the impact of deafness on ethnic minority families, the quality of support they receive and how it affects them and deaf children as they grow.

Why am I receiving this information?

We understand that you are a deaf young person (18 - 25), or the sibling of a deaf young person, from an ethnic minority background.

What's next?

Contact DEWA and we will explain more about the project and its aims and ask you a few questions about yourself and your family. We will be inviting some of the people we chat with to take part in on-line interviews. For deaf participants, we will ask you to look back on your early experiences, your education, your communication inside and outside your family, and your experiences of growing up as a member of an ethnic minority in Britain. For hearing brothers and sisters of young deaf people, we will ask you to look back on communication within your family, and growing up as a member of an ethnic minority in Britain. Sessions will be conducted in British Sign Language and/or English, according to your preferences. If you prefer to use another language, interpreters can be provided.

What are the benefits of being involved?

By taking part, you will help us to better understand your experiences and identify issues of concern in services for deaf children and young adults. As a thank you, you will receive a £10 gift voucher. The online discussions will take approximately 1.5 hours. You will meet other people with deafness and can share ideas and experiences.

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What will happen to my information?

The discussion sessions will be video-recorded and then transcribed into written English, with all personal identifying information removed. The video data will be stored on a secure server during the life of the project, and destroyed after the submission of the final report.

How will the security of data be managed?

Any written information that you provide will be confidential and GDPR requirements will be followed. It will be stored securely in password-protected files and participant details will be kept separate from video-recorded data. All written and transcribed data will be kept for a maximum of 10 years.

Can I change my mind after agreeing to take part?

You can change your mind at any time - before, during or after the online discussion, and at your request, your information will be excluded from the research. The project is under the direction of the Deaf Ethnic Women's Association - DEWA, funded by the National Deaf Children's Society, and supported by researchers from the Deafness, Cognition and Language Research Centre (DCAL), at University College London.

Are spoken/written language interpreters and translators available? Is BSL-English interpreting available?

All interviews will be accessible in English and/or BSL. We hope to provide translating / interpreting for other languages if you let us know your needs.

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