

Beyond Opposition

Participant information sheet: Discussion groups and workshops 2023

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Background

You are being invited, together with around 90 other people across Ireland, the UK and Canada, to participate in a research activity as part of a research project: either a discussion group or an artist-led workshop, or both. This is a summary of the participant information sheet. If you want more information on any of the questions, you will find it in the full participation sheet on our website or from Beyond Opposition research staff.

What is this research about?

This research project is called **Beyond Opposition**. This project is about changes in laws and policies related to gender, sexualities, and/or abortion. We are trying to understand how people with many different views can continue to live together and share everyday spaces like workplaces, schools, and streets.

Why are we doing this research?

The discussion groups and workshops will help us to have a better understanding of how people who do not share the same positions or views can have positive experiences of sharing everyday spaces like work, school or shopping.

Why have you been invited to take part?

You do not have to take part and it is up to you if you do. We are asking you because at some stage you said that you would like to be involved, and we think you fit what we need to join in the workshops. Not everyone who wants to take part will be able to. The researchers will let you know if you will be asked to join the workshops after you give us some details over the phone.

What are the benefits of taking part?

People sometimes find that discussion groups and workshops are an enjoyable experience. If you join in the artist-led workshop you might also like the process of making art. If you take part, you might contribute to new understanding about social polarisation related to gender, sexuality and abortion.

What are the risks?

The key risks that we can see that you should think about before you take part are:

- you might get upset, or be around people who are upset
- you might argue with people or experience people arguing
- people might know/find out who you are and where you stand on these issues

What will happen if you decide to take part?

There are two different activities that you can take part in. One is a discussion group with others who hold different positions to you, the other is working with an artist to create a work of art that links to working across difference. You can join in one or both of these activities and you can tell us which one you want to do in the first phone call that we have with you. We will provide food and refreshments.

How will the data be used?

The data is carefully protected at all times in the research project. We use it for things like academic writing, conference presentations, blogs and exhibitions.

How will your privacy be respected?

- You can choose not to be named in anything we write or say about the project.
- Even if you are named, we will remove information that could make it easy to identify you, such as your job or where you live.
- We will tell someone in authority if we think you or someone else is in immediate danger.
- You can see our full privacy policy online:
<https://beyondopposition.org/privacy-policy/>

Will I be named or associated with the study?

This is your choice. There are risks to being named. The main risk is that somebody could find out something about you that you prefer to keep private, and use it against you.

Can you change your mind and withdraw from the study?

Yes but there are some things you need to know. You have to allow us to keep your email address if you want us to be able to remove your data. We can remove the things you said, but it is harder to remove things you did in a group, such as notes and artwork. It is also harder to remove your photo or video image, but we will do our best if you ask us to.

What should I do now?

If you are willing to take part in a discussion group or workshop, please get in touch with the research team. We will share the full participant information sheet which includes a consent form for participants. We will phone you to discuss your participation.

How can you find out what happens in this project?

You can sign up to our newsletter on our website:
<https://beyondopposition.org/newsletter/>