

RECRUITMENT CALL

My name is Sabrina Davis, I am a student at the University of Derby studying the MRes in Psychology Programme. I am looking for participants to take part in a study which explores the paranormal beliefs and experiences of people from ethnic minority backgrounds who reside in the UK. The objectives of the study are to:

- 1) understand the paranormal beliefs and experiences of people from minority ethnic backgrounds
- 2) explore what the role paranormal beliefs and experiences have in relation to people's well-being and how they might deal with adverse life events
- 3) examine how disclosing paranormal beliefs and experiences to others, and others' reactions to the disclosure is perceived by the paranormal believer.

This study is being supervised by Dr Malcolm Schofield and Dr Chris Howard.

Participating in the study involves taking part in an interview which invites you to discuss your experiences and beliefs in relation to paranormal phenomenon, types of paranormal phenomenon encountered, whether paranormal beliefs and experiences have helped you cope with negative life events and how they have helped, and who you may have shared your experiences with, and how this was received by the person you told.

The interview will take place online using Microsoft Teams at a time to suit you and it is anticipated that the interview will last for approximately one hour. Your participation is entirely voluntary and any information you provide will be stored securely and anonymised to protect your identity. If after taking part in the interview you change your mind about participating you can withdraw from the research two weeks after participation. There is no obligation to participate.

For ethical reasons you must meet the following criteria in order to take part:

INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Ethnic minority background, including white ethnic minority groups including Gypsy, Roma and Irish Traveller groups

- Aged 18 years or older
- Good English language speaking skills
- Lived in the UK for at least consecutive 5 years
- Believe in the paranormal and/or had a paranormal experience
- Used the paranormal belief/experience to help you cope with a difficult life experience
- Spoken to somebody in the UK about your paranormal beliefs and/or experiences

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- White British ethnicity
- Lived in the UK for less than 5 consecutive years
- Difficulty in understanding or speaking English
- Do not have a private location to conduct an online/telephone interview
- Cannot access Microsoft Teams or do not have access to a telephone
- Currently engaging in psychological or psychiatric services/treatment
- Experiencing mental illness, such as depression, anxiety or psychosis
- Feel participating in the study will result in extreme distress
- Spoken to somebody about your paranormal beliefs and/or experiences outside of the UK only

To express an interest in taking part in the study or to find out more information please contact Sabrina Davis at a.davis24@unimail.derby.ac.uk or Dr Malcolm Schofield at M.Schofield@derby.ac.uk or Dr Chris Howard at C.Howard1@derby.ac.uk.