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Youth participation in the World Heritage Sector. An investigation of the impact the participatory learning experience of the World Heritage Youth Ambassadors has on youth agency and voice

INFORMATION SHEET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11 TO 15 YEARS

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I am inviting you to join in a research study. My name is Ashleigh Taylor and I am an MSC student at Cardiff University in the Department of Sociology. Before you decide if you would like to join in, (and Your parents/carers have said it's ok for you to take part)', it's important to understand what the study is about, why I'm doing it and what it would involve for you. Please read and think about this leaflet carefully and talk about it with your parents/carers. If anything isn't clear or you have more questions you can ask your parents/carer to give us a call and we can discuss it with you and your parents/carer together.

Why are we doing this research?

This research is going to investigate what impact the World Heritage Youth Ambassadors (WHYAMS) has on empowering young people to express, and act, on their views in the World Heritage Sector. We want to explore young people's understanding of voice and agency and how the experiences within the WHYAMS impacts on this. We want to see if there are any barriers young people experience in being able to voice their views or act on them, and what strategies young people use to make people listen and overcome any barriers they see in the World Heritage Sector. We hope that this research will support the work the program does in helping young people to be listened to effectively and feel empowered to voice and act on their views and opinions.

Why have I been invited to take part?

We are inviting you to take part because you are a young person, aged between 13-25, who has participated in the World Heritage Youth Ambassador program for over 30 hours.

We are inviting 10 young people to take part in an interview and workshop.

Do I have to take part?

No - It is up to you. We will ask you and your parents/carers to sign a form to say that you agree to take part are happy to take part. We will give you a copy of this information sheet and your signed form to keep. You are free to stop taking part at any time during the research without giving a reason, by telling the researcher. If you decide to stop, you can ask to have your interview deleted, and for your personal contributions with the workshops not be included in the analysis.

What will happen to me if I take part?

There are two parts to the research: a one-hour individual interview and a two-hour workshop, which will take place between July 2021 – August 2021.

INTERVIEW

The interview will be conducted online through Zoom or teams, in your home, and will be facilitated by the researcher. The interview will take place in July. A mutually convenient time will be agreed for all.

There are 8 topics which will be explored which will look at how you express and act on your views in your own life, and in the world heritage sector. It will look at how World Heritage Youth Ambassador program has impacted on this. If you feel uncomfortable with any of the topics, you can choose not to answer them. There are no right or wrong answers, we are interested in what you think and why you think like that.

This interview will be recorded. Your words will be transcribed and then be analysed to inform the research and some of the workshop.

Your parent will be asked to be present in your home, but we will ask them not to be in the room when your interview is taking place. This is because we want you to be able to be free to talk openly with us. If your parent is worried about this, we are happy to talk to them about it.

WORKSHOP

The Second part of the process is a two-hour workshop, with 9 other young people. This will be facilitated by the researcher and be supervised by a youth worker from the Hwb. You will be asked to participate in three creative activities designed to be fun, while exploring how you express and act on your views in the world heritage sector. Your parents will not be attending this workshop. The workshop will be confidential (please see the code of conduct for guidance), and will take place in a youth friendly, safe place, to allow you to express your thoughts freely.

The workshop will be filmed so that the researcher can facilitate the session, and so that all interactions between the group can be captured. If you choose to withdraw from the research, while your own contributions will not be used, some of your data from the workshop (specifically other young people's interactions with you) may still be included The film will be transcribed.

When: Tuesday 3rd August 2021. 9.30am – 11.30pm.

Where: Hwb youth centre, 69-70 Broad Street, Blaenavon, NP4 9NH

You will be provided with refreshments during this time. Travel expenses can be provided if needed.

YOUR DATA

We will be collecting some personal information from you at the start of the research. This will include, your name, age, postcode, if you have a disability, any care system experience, ethnicity, sexuality and gender. This will be used to examine whether your life circumstances have had an impact on your views, opinions and how you choose to act on these. You can choose not to provide this information, and still participate in the research.

At the end of the study, a follow-up welfare phone call will be made to check in with all participants.

What happens to the results of the study?

Results for each young person taking part are kept strictly confidential. Pseudonyms will be used to identify you, and all information and results are kept in Cardiff University online portal.

If you agree to participate in this study, the research will be written up as part of a student's work. The findings will be shared with the World Heritage Youth Ambassadors program. We also aim to publish our findings on the World Heritage Youth Ambassadors website, in research journals, and but this may be two to three years from the end of the study.

All research data and records will be stored for a minimum retention period of 5 years after publication or public release of the work of the research. Third parties may be given access to research data for monitoring and/or audit of the study, or for data storage purposes.

What are the advantages / disadvantages of taking part?

By participating in the research, you will be supporting the heritage sector in being better able to represent young people.

It is possible that due to the small number of young people who have participated within the program, others within the program and World Heritage Sector may be able to identify you. To minimize this risk, all data will be anonymised.

As part of the research, we will be looking at power between adults and young people; particularly when you may feel empowered, but also when you might have felt disempowered. We recognise that this might bring up some potentially distressing feelings. We will provide a chill – zone if you need to take any time out during the research, and we can provide information on where to access further support if you need.

Will anyone else know I'm doing this?

We will keep your information private. This means we will only tell those who have a need or right to know, such as the research team and your parents/carer. We will only share information that has your name and address removed.

What if I don't want to take part in the research anymore?

Just tell your parents/carer and the people carrying out the research that you don't want to take part. You don't have to give a reason, and no one will be annoyed with you. It is YOUR choice.

If you withdraw from the study at any point, you may request that all your data be deleted. In this case, your personal and interview data will be deleted, and any personal transcribed contributions from the filmed workshop will be deleted and not be used. The film however of the workshop will still be retained by Cardiff university and used for the research (minus your contributions), and other young people's interactions with you may be recorded. If any young person withdraws from the study, the film will not be used for any purposes except the research write up. Your consent form will be retained as evidence that you have understood and consented to this.

Who is organising and funding the research?

The research is organised by [Ashleigh Taylor] of Cardiff University, who is a [student on the MSC Childhood and Youth Program]. The study is being paid for by the Hwb Torfaen].

Who has reviewed the study?

Before any research involving people can start, it has to be checked by a Research Ethics Committee to make sure that it is OK for the research to go ahead. This study has been approved by the School of Social Science Research Ethics Committee.

What if there is a problem or something goes wrong?

Please tell us if you are worried about any part of this study, by contacting the researcher taylor44@cardiff.ac.uk. You may also talk to your youth worker/parent/carer who will let the researcher know. If you are still unhappy or wish to make a complaint, either you or your youth worker/parent(s)/carer(s) can contact the chair of the Research Ethics Committee at Cardiff University [soci-ethics@cardiff.ac.uk] We follow Cardiff University safeguarding procedures, which can be made available if you wish.

Data Protection

Cardiff University is the data controller with respect to your personal data, and as such will determine how your personal data is used in the study.

The University will process your personal data for the purpose of the research outlined above. Research is a task that we perform in the public interest.

Further information about your rights with respect to your personal data is available from <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/policies-and-procedures/data-protection>

Contact details

If you would like to discuss the research with someone beforehand (or if you have questions afterwards), please contact:

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Thank you for reading this – please ask any questions if you need to.

