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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Mapping place and (co)use of public spaces in Newcastle by diverse groups for social organising and cohesion

Researchers at the University of Newcastle (Dr David Betts and Dr Justin Ellis) are looking for members of the LGBTQIA+ community aged 18 and over to share their experiences of engaging with public spaces in Newcastle.

The purpose of this research is to explore how public spaces can be actively used by diverse groups to create a sense of inclusion, social organisation, and identity expression. The project aims to map the co-use of public space in Newcastle by queer and other communities over time to understand the impact of social and cultural shifts on the creation, development and maintenance of scene spaces.

What would you be asked to do?

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to answer questions about your experiences of engaging with public spaces in Newcastle in an audio-recorded, in-depth interview. Interviews can take place face-to-face, over the phone, or on Skype/Zoom. If you agree to participate you will also be asked if you want to share copies of photos or images in your possession that depict LGBTQIA+ Newcastle venues and events. These images can only be of public spaces and events and cannot include other people if they are identifiable. You can provide physical or digital copies of these images, and if you are unable to provide a copy of physical photos we can arrange to have this material copied, and the original returned to you. You do not have to provide any photos or images if you do not want to and can still take part in an interview if you do not want to provide any photos or images.

More information

If you would like to participate in the research or would like further information about the research please contact Dr David Betts at david.betts@newcastle.edu.au or Dr Justin Ellis at justin.ellis@newcastle.edu.au



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