

Poverty in the United Kingdom: Advancing Paradata Analysis and Open Access

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET – VIDEO INTERVIEW

Please read this information carefully before deciding to take part in this research. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.

What is the research about?

Peter Townsend's 1967-69 *Poverty in the UK* survey (PinUK) laid the groundwork for contemporary understandings of poverty. Yet its research process remains under-explored. In addition to conducting an innovative secondary and comparative narrative and statistical analysis of micro and macro paradata using the PinUK materials, this research aims to promote open access to the data and contextual material for the wider national and international social science community, to build understanding of its substantive and methodological potential, and stimulate capacity for its use.

Who are the research team and funder?

The research is a collaboration between Rosalind Edwards, University of Southampton; Dave Gordon, Eldin Fahmy and Karen Bell, University of Bristol; and Ann Phoenix and Heather Elliott, Institute of Education London. Hilary Land is a consultant to the project. The research is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council under its cross-investment working initiative.

Why have I been chosen?

We are tracing and video interviewing some of the researchers, field interviewers and administrators who worked with Townsend on PinUK, who will have unique insights into the process of the wider study and survey.

What will happen to me if I take part?

A researcher will interview you about your contribution to the PinUK study and the process of the survey. The interview will be videoed. We will post a link to a DVD of edited highlights from your interview, along with other PinUK digitised materials, on the www.poverty.ac.uk website. We will offer you the opportunity to review your video interview, either in person with the researcher or through a private online link, and you have the right to require embargo or deletion of any sections before the material is posted online and archived.

Will my participation be confidential?

The research is compliant with the Data Protection Act and with University policies. Your data will be stored on password protected University servers and will only be accessed by members of the research team. Only material from the interview that you agree will be made publicly available. Your involvement in the PinUK study is a matter of public record and the interview will be videoed, so your participation in the project will not be anonymous.

What happens if I change my mind?

You have the right to withdraw from the project at any time, up until the point of making the material public, without giving any reason and without your legal rights being affected.

What happens if something goes wrong?

In the unlikely case of concern or complaint, please contact Dr Martina Prude, Head of Research Governance, University of Southampton (mad4@soton.ac.uk).

Where can I get more information?

If you have any questions about the research, please contact Ros Edwards (r.s.edwards@soton.ac.uk).