

Participant number:

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

You are being invited to take part in research on An Ethnography of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in Edinburgh. Yang ZHAO, PhD candidate at the University of Edinburgh is conducting this research. Before you decide to take part it is important you understand why the research is being conducted and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY?

The purpose of the study is to explore the history, philosophy and aims of the Royal Scottish Country Dancing Society (RSCDS) and how it is currently organised to achieve these. However, I also intend to investigate the motivations of members for engaging in Scottish country dancing as well as the values its members ascribe to doing so.

WHY HAVE I BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART?

You are invited to participate in this study because you are members of the RSCDS Edinburgh Branch, or the headquarters or are management people and have been engaged in the society.

DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART?

No – it is entirely up to you. If you do decide to take part, please keep this Information Sheet and complete the Informed Consent Form to show that you understand your rights in relation to the research, and that you are happy to participate. If you do decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason. Please note down your participant number (which is on the Consent Form) and provide this to the lead researcher if you seek to withdraw from the study at a later date. Deciding not to take part or withdrawing from the study will not affect your status in the RSCDS.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I DECIDE TO TAKE PART?

You will be asked a number of questions regarding your engagement in the RSCDS and opinions about the society. The interview will take place on Skype or on phone at a time that is convenient to you. The interview should take around 40 minutes to complete. Ideally, we would like to audio record your responses (and will require your consent for this), so the location should be in a fairly quiet area.

If you wish to also complete a questionnaire, please tick the box

The survey should take around 20 minutes to complete. The survey may indicated more detailed information about your dancing background and your experience of SCD. This may be useful for comparing the interview responses with the backdrop of many voices.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF TAKING PART?

By sharing your experiences with us, you will be helping Yang ZHAO and the RSCDS to better understand the organisation and development of the society as well as people's

engagement of Scottish country dancing and the RSCDS.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TAKING PART?

There are no significant risks associated with participation.

WHAT IF I WANT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE STUDY?

Agreeing to participate in this project does not oblige you to remain in the study nor have any further obligation to this study. If, at any stage, you no longer want to be part of the study, please inform Yang ZHAO (yang.zhao@ed.ac.uk). You should note that your data may be used in the production of formal research outputs (e.g. journal articles, conference papers, theses and reports) prior to your withdrawal and so you are advised to contact me at the earliest opportunity should you wish to withdraw from the study. On specific request we will destroy all your identifiable answers, but we will need to use the data collected prior to your withdrawal, and to maintain our records of your consenting participation.

DATA PROTECTION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Your data will be processed in accordance with Data Protection Law. All information collected about you will be kept strictly confidential. Unless they are anonymised in my records, your data will be referred to by a unique participant number rather than by name. If you consent to being audio recorded, all recordings will be destroyed once they have been transcribed. Raw data may be viewed by supervisors but only with anonymised data. All electronic data will be stored on a password-protected computer file and all paper records will be stored in a locked filing cabinet. Your consent information will be kept separately from your responses in order to minimise risk.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY?

The results of this study may be summarised in published articles, reports and presentations. Quotes or key findings will always be made anonymous in any formal outputs unless we have your prior and explicit written permission to attribute them to you by name. Information may also be kept for future research.

WHO CAN I CONTACT?

If you have any further questions about the study, please contact Yang ZHAO (yang.zhao@ed.ac.uk).

If you wish to make a complaint about the study, please contact:

Dr Shari Sabeti (shari.sabeti@ed.ac.uk) and Ms. Wendy Timmons (wendy.timmons@ed.ac.uk)

In your communication, please provide the study title and detail the nature of your complaint.

For general information about how we use your data go to:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/records-management/privacy-notice-research>

Optional: If you would like to receive information regarding the final results/outcome of this research, please provide your email address here: _____

