

Participants wanted for undergraduate research

Hello, I am an undergraduate student completing research into how prison-based education aids the rehabilitation of former prisoners. I worked within HMP Bristol last year, and was interested in the attitudes learners had towards the classes, and how they felt the educational programmes that were on offer helped set them up for post-release life. From this, I have decided to look at how these classes have actually benefitted people, in terms of recidivism, and whether or not they helped improve opportunities for employment. The ultimate reason for completing this research is to understand the opinions people with lived experience have in regards to prison-based education after they have been released.

I am interested in finding out how you feel it has helped, or maybe not helped, with your own experience of rehabilitation, and any influences you feel it has had in terms of re-offending. I am also wanting to find out whether prison-based educational programmes help with the label of being a 'criminal'.

I am hoping to interview around 8 men who have been released from prison within the last 3 years. These interviews will be completely anonymous, and conducted over the phone. If you're happy to, your responses in the interviews will be recorded on a personal device, and if not, they can be hand written during the interviews. The responses will then be written into a secure online document as soon as the interviews have finished. The questions will include feelings towards the classes, the teachers, and general opinions of the classes you participated in. I am hoping the interviews will last around 30 minutes, but this will vary depending on how much information you wish to provide! You are able to withdraw from this study at any given time during the interviews, without reason and will face no consequence for doing so. You are also able to withdraw up to three weeks after the interviews take place.

If this sounds like something you wish to take part in, please email me at prisoned2020@gmail.com so that I can forward the required documents, such as the consent form, and we can arrange a date to speak over the phone.

Thanks in advance, Minna.