

# Volunteers wanted for shared housing research project



**We are researching shared housing in Britain today and we are looking for people who live with a live-in landlord, or in co-housing, to take part in our research project.**

## *Taking part in a research interview*

We are interviewing people who live in different types of shared housing. If you agree to take part, one of our researchers will arrange a research interview with you and ask you about your experiences of shared housing. The interviews are very informal and usually last an hour to 90 minutes.

During the interview we will ask you tell us about your experiences of house sharing, including why you share, what you like (or don't like) about sharing, which rooms and things you share/keep private, house rules and household finances.

To thank you for your time we will enter you into a **prize draw** to win one of three £50 shopping vouchers.

## *Extra activities*

As well as the interview you can also choose to do one or both of our extra activities:

1. Photos – take photos to illustrate life in your shared house and talk through them with us during the interview
2. Time diary – fill in our time diary for one week day and one weekend day and talk through it with us during the interview.

For each extra activity you do we will give you a **£10 shopping voucher** to thank you for your time.

## *Contact us*

To find out more, or arrange an interview, contact Rachael (details below). We can do the interview at your house, or somewhere else if you prefer. If you decide to take part but change your mind later you can withdraw from the research at any point.

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### *How the research will be used*

Findings will be published in various formats, including reports, articles and presentations, and via our website. They will be of interest to academics, others interested in housing policy and contemporary living arrangements, more general audiences and the media.

### *Ethical practice*

Any information you give us will be held securely and treated in strict confidence.

Real names and other identifiable details, eg house location, will not be used in publications and reports. The data, with your permission, once suitably anonymised, will be archived for use by other researchers and for training purposes.

Our project abides by the British Sociological Association's ethical guidelines, which you can read at:

[www.britsoc.co.uk/about/equality/statement-of-ethical-practice](http://www.britsoc.co.uk/about/equality/statement-of-ethical-practice).

### *Possible outcomes of the research*

More and more people are living in shared housing at some point in their lives, yet it remains an under-researched topic. We hope that our study will help to pave the way for new and exciting ways of thinking about shared housing, especially from a social policy perspective.

We have also established an Advisory Group. Through their support, we aim to reduce the gap between academia and policy related issues in relation to housing.



### *Further information*

Our research is hosted by the Morgan Centre for Research into Everyday Lives at the University of Manchester. You can see more about the Morgan Centre and the Under the Same Roof project on our website:

[www.manchester.ac.uk/under-the-same-roof/](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/under-the-same-roof/)

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([www.esrc.ac.uk](http://www.esrc.ac.uk)).

