

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT AND CONSENT FORM

Community Participants
Disruptive Bodies: Interrogating the Gender Binary in Family Violence Policy & Practice
Professor kylie valentine

1. What is the research study about?

You are invited to take part in this research study. The research study aims to understand non-binary people's experiences of domestic and family violence and the impact of gender identity on seeking and receiving help from services.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Prof kylie valentine (she/her), Professor Christy Newman (they/them), Dr Anthony K J Smith (he/him) and Shannon Harvey (they/them), in the Social Policy Research Centre and Centre for Social Research in Health at UNSW Sydney.

The research team is supported by an expert Advisory Group, which includes people with lived and professional expertise of the research topic.

Research Funder: This research is being funded by UNSW Sydney.

3. Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

Before you decide to participate in this research study, we need to ensure that it is ok for you to take part. The research study is looking recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Identify with any gender other than the binary genders of 'man' or 'woman', including people who identify as non-binary, genderqueer, bigender, agender and/or genderfluid;
- Are currently living in Australia;
- Are aged 18 or older;
- Have experienced controlling behaviour or abuse from a family member or intimate partner, at any time in their lives. "Family" includes chosen family and family of origin.

People are not able to take part in the study if:

- They do not meet the above criteria.

4. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in this research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to. If you decide to take part and later change your mind, you are free to withdraw from the study at any stage.

If you decide you want to take part in the research study, you will be asked to:

- Read the information carefully (ask questions if necessary);
- Sign and return the consent form if you decide to participate in the study;
- Take a copy of this form with you to keep.

5. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

If you agree to participate you will be asked to complete the following research procedures.

Interview: An online video or in-person interview, in which you will be asked questions about your experiences of gender in relation to your experiences of family violence, including your views and experiences of family violence services. Depending on your preference, the interview will take place

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either on Zoom or in a meeting room at the UNSW Kensington campus and will take approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. With your permission, the research team would like to audio and video record the interview. If you do not wish to be recorded but you would like to participate, you can advise the research team and written notes will be taken.

Workshops: At the end of the interview, the researcher will ask you whether you would like to be contacted to participate in up a follow-up online workshop to co-analyse data with the research team and up to 9 other research participants and develop an interview guide for future interviews with family violence professionals. The workshop will involve group discussions and facilitated interactive activities. Participation in this follow-up workshop is voluntary, and you can participate in an interview and decline the follow-up workshop. If you agree to this verbally, the research team will contact you via email to organise the workshop time. If you participate in the workshop, you may also be invited to a second workshop later in the study, to co-analyse data from interviews with professionals. The second workshop will include the research team and up to 15 other participants from both interview groups. As with the first workshop, participation is voluntary and the research team will only contact you if you agree to it. In both cases, you will receive an initial reminder and one follow up reminder. While all interview participants can opt-in to receive workshop invitations, the first workshop will be limited to no more than 10 community interview participants, and the second workshop to no more than 8 of the participants from the first workshop. Workshops will not be audio or video recorded, and while the research team will take notes of participants' contributions, these will not be attributed to individual participants and will not include any personal information about you. You can choose to use a pseudonym in the workshop if you wish.

Additional Costs and Reimbursement: There are no costs associated with participating in this research project, nor will you be paid. However, you will receive a \$70 digital Visa card following participation in the interview, in recognition of your time and contribution. If you are invited to participate in further workshops, you will receive a \$100 digital Visa card for each workshop you attend.

Risks of harm or discomfort: You may feel that some of the questions we ask during the interview are stressful or upsetting. If you do not wish to answer a question, you may skip it and go to the next question, or you may stop immediately. If you become upset or distressed as a result of your participation, free support services are included at section 10.

If you choose to participate in one or both of the co-creation workshops, you will interact with people outside the research team (either other community participants only, or both community and professional participants). This means that your non-binary identity and experience of family violence, as well as anything also you choose to share in the workshops, will be disclosed to these people. There is a possibility that this could include people you know, or that you come to know in the future. As for the interviews, you can decline to participate in any part of the workshops or leave the workshop at any time. As noted above, free support services are included at section 10.

Confidentiality: While the research team will set clear expectations of confidentiality with all workshop participants, we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any personal information you share during the workshop. To minimise the potential impact of this confidentiality risk, the workshop will focus on sharing your opinions on data already collected and you will not be required to share any personal information.

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The workshop will be held on Zoom and you will have the option to use a pseudonym and have your video turned off.

6. What will happen to information about me?

By signing the consent form, you consent to the research team collecting and using information about you for the research study.

The research team will store the data collected from you for this research project for a minimum of 5 years after the publication of the research results.

The information about you will be stored in a re-identifiable format where any identifiers such as your name, address, date of birth will be replaced with a unique code.

Information collected from you in an electronic format stored on a UNSW password protected OneDrive only accessible to the approved research investigators. Video recordings will be immediately deleted and audio recordings will be stored on a UNSW password protected OneDrive only accessible to the approved research investigators.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). You have the right of access to personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it, and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the PPIP Act. Further information on how the University protects personal information is available in the [UNSW Privacy Management Plan](#).

7. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intend to publish and/report the results of the research. All Information will be published in a way that will not identify you.

If you would like to receive a copy of the results you can let the research team know by inserting your email or mailing address in the consent form. We will only use these details to send you the results of the research.

8. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

If you do consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You can do so by completing the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' which is provided at the end of this document or you can ring the research team and tell them you no longer want to participate. Your decision not to participate or to withdraw from the study will not affect your relationship with UNSW Sydney. If you decide to leave the research study, the researchers will not collect additional information from you. You can request that any identifiable information about you be withdrawn from the research project.

9. What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

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Complaints Contact

Position	UNSW Human Research Ethics Coordinator
Telephone	+ 61 2 9385 6222
Email	humanethics@unsw.edu.au
HC Reference Number	iRECS6092

10. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

The person you may need to contact will depend on the nature of your query. If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact Details

Name	Shannon Harvey (they/them)
Position	Doctoral Candidate
Telephone	02 9385 7800
Email	shannon.harvey@unsw.edu.au

Chief Investigator

Name	kylie valentine (she/her)
Position	Professor, Social Policy Research Centre, Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture
Telephone	02 9385 7800
Email	k.valentine@unsw.edu.au

Support Services Contact Details

If at any stage during the study, you become distressed or require additional support from someone not involved in the research please call:

Organisation	Rainbow Sexual, Domestic and Family Violence Helpline
Telephone	1800 497 212 (available 24/7, Australia-wide)
About this service	Free professional trauma counselling, information and referral, and vicarious trauma support and debrief <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anyone in Australia who is from LGBTQ+ communities who has recently or in the past experienced sexual, domestic or family violence• Family members, friends and supporters of someone from LGBTQ+ communities who has experienced sexual domestic or family violence• Others who may be impacted by violence targeted toward the LGBTQ+ communities, including professionals

Organisation	Lifeline
Telephone	13 11 14 (available 24/7, Australia-wide)

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Online chat	https://www.lifeline.org.au/
About this service	Free crisis support service to provide short-term support for people who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping or staying safe. It is confidential one-to-one support, with a trained Lifeline telephone crisis supporter.

Organisation	QLife
Telephone	1800 184 527 (3pm - Midnight, Australia-wide)
Online chat	https://qlife.org.au/
About this service	Anonymous and free LGBTIQ+ peer support and referral for people in Australia wanting to talk about sexuality, gender, bodies, feelings or relationships.

Organisation	13YARN
Telephone	13 92 76 (available 24/7, Australia-wide)
Online chat	https://www.13yarn.org.au/
About this service	Free, confidential and anonymous crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to yarn to an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter. Crisis Supporters listen without judgement and provide a confidential, culturally safe space to yarn about your needs, worries or concerns.

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Consent Form – Participant providing own consent

Declaration by the participant

- I understand I am being asked to provide consent to participate in this research study;
- I have read the Participant Information Sheet, or someone has read it to me in a language that I understand;
- I understand the purposes, study tasks and risks of the research described in the study;
- I understand that the research team will audio and video record the interview; I agree to be recorded for this purpose.
- I provide my consent for the information collected about me to be used for the purpose of this research study only.
- I have had an opportunity to ask questions and I am satisfied with the answers I have received;
- I freely agree to participate in this research study as described and understand that I am free to withdraw at any time during the study and withdrawal will not affect my relationship with any of the named organisations and/or research team members;
- I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email or post, I have provided my details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only;
- I understand that I will be given a signed copy of this document to keep.
- I would like to receive a copy of the study results via email, I have provided my details below and ask that they be used for this purpose only.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Participant Signature

Name of Participant (please print)	
Signature of Research Participant	
Date	

Declaration by Researcher

- I have given a verbal explanation of the research study; its study activities and risks and I believe that the participant has understood that explanation.

Researcher Signature*

Name of Researcher (please print)	
Signature of Researcher	
Date	

***An appropriately qualified member of the research team must provide the explanation of, and information concerning the research study.**

Note: All parties signing the consent section must date their own signature.

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Form for Withdrawal of Participation

I wish to **WITHDRAW** my consent to participate in this research study described above and understand that such withdrawal **WILL NOT** affect my relationship with The University of New South Wales.

I am withdrawing my consent and I understand that any information already published and/or not linked to my identity cannot be withdrawn from the research.

Participant Name

Name of Participant (please type)	
Date	

The section for Withdrawal of Participation should be forwarded to:

CI Name:	kylie valentine
Email:	k.valentine@unsw.edu.au
Phone:	02 9385 7800