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Study Information Sheet and Consent Form

Title for student research project: Using photovoice to document the communication experiences of individuals who stutter

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Purpose

The purpose of this project is to get a first-hand account from people who stutter about their communication experiences.

We are inviting you to be part of this study because you have identified yourself as a person who stutters. We are looking for men or women who speak English,

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are 18 years or older and can operate a camera.

Involvement:

You will be asked to take photographs in order to describe your experiences living with a communication problem. Participation in the project will begin with a group meeting. At this meeting more information about the study and the use of photographs to describe experiences will be provided. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions. At this meeting will be other individuals who stutter. You will then be given two weeks to take as many photographs as you like.

A second group meeting will occur at the end of the two week period. You will be asked to bring your photos to this meeting and to talk about your 4 favourite photos with the other participants. The discussion will be audiotaped. At this meeting you will be asked if you would like to share your photographs to be used in presentations and/or publications. You do not have to share your photos.

The meetings will be held at the University of Ottawa, Roger Guindon Building, Room 3070F. They will last approximately 2 hours. The groups will be led by Cynthia Rochon and Shannel Champion, the students who are leading this project. As well, Carol Leonard will be present and taking notes during the meetings. Caroline Bredeson will attend the second meeting.

Confidentiality

Each individual's personal information is private and will not be shared with anybody. The information resulting from the meetings will be treated confidentially by the researchers. Your name will never be used in reports or presentations. Other participants in the group will also be encouraged to respect confidentiality, although this cannot be guaranteed.

The photographs taken should not have any identifiable information in them such as license plates, addresses, or other people.

The information from this study will be kept in locked filing cabinets in Dr. Leonard's lab, room 1108 at the University of Ottawa. It will be kept for a minimum of 5 years and a maximum of 15 years. Dr. Leonard will be responsible for destroying the data. No personal information will be mentioned in any resulting publication or presentation.

Risks

You may become frustrated or tired during the meetings. You may also feel uncomfortable at times expressing your opinion in a group. Be assured that the people leading the group will facilitate respectful discussions.

Benefits

The participatory nature of this research represents an opportunity for you to share your experiences of what it is like to stutter. This may help others to understand more about stuttering.

Your Rights

Your participation in the study is completely voluntary. You may stop participating in the study whenever you want and it will not affect your usual care. If you choose to stop participating, we will withdraw the photographs that you provide. We will also attempt to withdraw specific information that you shared with us. However, since this is a group discussion this cannot be guaranteed.

You do not waive any legal rights by entering the study.

More information about the study:

If you have any other questions or require more information about the study itself, you may contact Cynthia Rochon(croch007@uottawa.ca), Shannel Champion (scham082@uottawa.ca), Caroline Bredeson (cbredes2@uottawa.ca) or Carol Leonard (carol.leonard@uottawa.ca; 613-562-5800, x 8753).

If you have any questions with regards to the ethical conduct of this study, you may contact the Protocol Officer for Ethics in Research, University of Ottawa Office of Research Ethics and Integrity, Tabaret Hall, 550 Cumberland Street, Room 154, Ottawa, ON K1N 6N5, tel.: (613) 562-5387, email: ethics@uottawa.ca.

Project Consent

(Please check boxes)

- The information presented on the previous pages has been explained to me and my questions have been answered.

- I agree to be audio recorded for the purposes of this study.

- I have been given a copy of this form.

- I agree to participate in this research project.

Participant: Name: _____
 Signature: _____
 Date: _____

Researcher: Name: _____
 Signature: _____
 Date: _____

The study and its consequences have been explained to me by:

I confirm that I have explained the nature and purpose of the study to the participant named above. I have answered all questions.

Person Obtaining Consent

Signature

Date