

**Hello and thank you for your interest in this research project**

This information pack contains key information about the project. Please read through each page carefully. If you do not understand any of the information, please ask one of the researchers present. You can ask to discuss your question or concern in private if you wish.

**Who is carrying out this research?**

This research is being conducted by Dr Sharif Mowlabocus of the University of Sussex.

You can reach Sharif at:  
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**What is the purpose of this research?**

This research explores the reasons why gay/bisexual men choose to get married, how they go about organising their special day and what it means to be married to another man.

**What happens in the interview?**

You and your partner will be interviewed together. This will last around 45 to 60 minutes. The interviews normally take place in your home, although another venue can be arranged should you prefer.

The researcher will ask you a series of questions on the following topics:

- Your motivations for getting married and the format of your wedding.
- How it feels to be married.
- Whether your social, personal or political interactions have changed since you got married.
- Any positive benefits and/or unforeseen challenges of being married

**How does the interview get recorded?**

The interview will be recorded using an audio recorder. Sharif may also take notes during the interview.

The interview will be transcribed using a secure transcription system and your names will be deleted from the transcription.

The interview recording will be stored electronically on a USB drive that is stored in a locked cabinet at the university.

The interview recording will be deleted at the end of the project.

**Confidentiality**

**This project takes confidentiality very seriously.**

Outside of the interview your name will never be used by the researcher.

All transcripts will be anonymised.

What you say may be quoted in publications but your name, the names of anyone you refer to and any other identifying information (place names, times, locations) will be changed.

All identifying information including your consent form will be stored on a password-protected hard drive and/or in a secure filing cabinet.

Identifying details will not be passed on to the funder or any other third party.

All identifying information will be securely destroyed and/or deleted at the end of the project lifespan.

**Please turn over for further information on consent, funding and publications.**

**How will this research get used?**

The information you provide in the interview will contribute towards the writing of a book chapter and also a journal article.

**Can I withdraw from participating?**

You can withdraw from the interview process at any point before or during the interview. You are also allowed to withdraw from this study **within one month** of your interview date. If you would like to withdraw from the study after your interview, please email: [s.j.mowlabocus@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:s.j.mowlabocus@sussex.ac.uk) giving your full name. Records of your interview and any other information will be deleted.

**Who is funding this research?**

This research is being funded by the University of Sussex.

**What is informed consent?**

Research should always be conducted according to robust ethical guidelines. This research has been approved by the ethics committee of the University of Sussex.

Part of the requirement of this committee is that we obtain informed consent from **all** interviewees. Informed consent means that you have been given information about the research, that you have understood that information, and that you have signed a document to say that you are happy to proceed with the interview. The consent form is on the next page.

If you have any questions about any of this information, or about the interview itself, please ask your interviewer now, and/or refer to the FAQ sheet attached. Please make sure you understand the information presented here before signing the consent form.

Happy Ever After  
Participant Information & Consent Form