

Participant information sheet**Exploring the narratives, motivations and experiences of people engaging in an online sewalong: #fussycuttingsewalong**

My name is Naomi Clarke and I am at the University of Bristol studying for a Social Work PhD.

“What is the research about?”

For my PhD I am doing a research project about people’s experiences of sewing in an online sewalong (the Instagram-led #fussycuttingsewalong), their experiences of sewing generally, and their motivations for both sewing and engaging in the #fussycuttingsewalong.

“What is involved?”

I would like to preserve the posts you have made as part of your #fussycuttingsewalong journey. This involves me taking a screenshot of the posts you have made on Instagram with the hashtag #fussycuttingsewalong which would include the photo, the written texts and the comments.

“What about privacy?”

I have to write a thesis about this project and I may write academic publications and give talks based on this project. I may use your words and the photos of your work but I will **not** use your name, your Instagram name, or any other identifying information. Everything you say will be private, unless you say something that makes me worry about your safety or the safety of others. If this happens, then I will need to talk about this to my supervisor but I would discuss this with you before doing so. I can also provide you with copies of the screenshots so that you can see the anonymisation that has taken place.

All of the information will be stored on a password protected, backed-up University of Bristol network computer.

“What next?”

If you are happy to take part in the project, please reply to this clearly confirming that:

- you understand what I am doing with your data,
- you understand what I have explained in the information sheet,

- you agree to me screenshotting the posts for the information to be collected as part of the study to be used for the purpose of the PhD thesis, presentations and further academic publications.

If you do not wish to take part then that is okay and this will not go any further. You do **not** have to take part in this research to take part in the sewalong. Saying no to the research will not impact your participation in the #fussycuttingsewalong in any way.

Further information:

If you would like to know any more about the project I am more than happy to talk with you. My contact details and my PhD supervisor's details (Dr Debbie Watson) are available on the bottom of this form. I have received DBS clearance and ethical approval from the School for Policy Studies Ethics Committee at the University of Bristol.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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