

## Men who take a public stance against violence against women: call for interview participants

**Project aim:** To explore why some men take a public stance against men's violence against women and how more men can be encouraged to do so. The project is funded by the British Academy.

**Taking part:** We are seeking men who have lived or are living in the UK, Sweden or Spain and have taken a public stance against men's violence against women. We would like to invite you to take part in a 45-60 minute interview (in person, by phone, or by skype) with one of the research team listed below.

We would like to ask you a series of questions relating to your personal background and life experiences, and about your views on the social, political, and economic factors that might be conducive to enabling and supporting more men to speak out. You may provide as much or as little detail about your personal background as you wish. There will be scope for you to expand on areas which you feel are important to you.

We will use this information to write a report, academic articles and presentations, articles and presentations for practitioners and policy makers, and as a pilot study for a larger funding application in the future involving more countries.

**What we will do with your information:** If you agree to us audio-recording the interview we will then type up a written summary of what you have said and then destroy the recordings. Your name and personal details will not be attached to this written summary and you can have a copy to check for accuracy if you wish. If you change your mind about participating you can withdraw your data from the project any time before 15 November 2017 when we will start analysing the data. The data will be stored securely on password protected devices. We will not use your name within the report, however because of the small number of men who speak out about violence against women it is possible that people who know you well might be able to identify you. Therefore, we are only able to offer limited confidentiality for the main part of the interview. If you tell us personal information that is not otherwise in the public domain such as your own experiences of abuse or as a perpetrator of abuse we will ensure that this part of the interview is fully confidential. Anything you tell us will be kept confidential unless you tell us something that means that you or another person is at risk of serious harm. In these exceptional circumstances, we would inform the police about the risk and refer you to an appropriate support service. We would always inform you if we were planning on doing this and keep you fully informed.

**What next:** If you are interested in taking part in the research, please contact Sandy Ruxton (UK/Spain - [sandy.ruxton@googlemail.com](mailto:sandy.ruxton@googlemail.com)) or Keith Pringle (Sweden - [keith.pringle@soc.uu.se](mailto:keith.pringle@soc.uu.se)) and we can arrange a researcher to interview you or answer any further questions you may have. You can still decide not to take part in the research at this point or at any point during the interview.

**Full research team:** Sandy Ruxton (co-ordinator), Professor Nicole Westmarland and Stephen Burrell (Durham University), Professor Keith Pringle and Anna-Lena Almqvist (Mälardalen University) and Linn Egeberg Holmgren (Stockholm University).