

NERAP Survey Information Sheet

Invitation

You are being invited to take part in this research. Before you decide if you do so, it is important you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

What is involved in taking part?

You are being invited to complete an optional survey aimed at measuring your knowledge and intentions towards higher education (such university, apprenticeships, or level four study at colleges). The survey will be delivered either online or on paper, and should take less than 15 minutes to complete.

Later in the programme you will be asked to complete an additional survey which repeats many of the questions from the initial survey. By providing responses to these questions at multiple points in time we will be able to learn if any changes have occurred among those who have engaged with the programme. The second survey will also include some questions related your experience of taking part in NERAP activities such as how useful and accessible they have been.

What is the purpose of the research?

This research will help us to better understand if taking part in NERAP activities are having an impact on young peoples' attitude and knowledge about higher education opportunities.

Who is being invited to take part?

All young people who are taking part in NERAP will be invited to complete the surveys. Taking part is completely optional and declining to take part will not affect your ability to take part in the wider NERAP programme. Participants are free to withdraw from the study at any time.

What information are we collecting?

When completing the survey, you will be asked to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Postcode

This data will be used to match your responses to your existing NERAP record on the Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT) including:

- School
- Year level
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Care status

The HEAT service will be used to track long term impacts by letting us know if you enter higher education. For the full details around how NERAP uses personal data please see the NERAP Student Privacy Notice. In cases where the participant is younger than 16, we will also be asking for consent from a parent or guardian. This will involve us collecting the name and contact details of the parent or guardian in order to maintain a record that consent has been granted.

How will the data be stored?

The survey response will be stored on the same GDPR compliant cloud service used to administer the survey; Glasscubes and Newcastle University computers and servers. Only members of the research team will have access to the survey response data prior to anonymisation. All personal data will be deleted within 10 years of the end of the NERAP programme.

What will we do with the results of the evaluation?

The results from this evaluation will be used in a number of ways:

- To make sure the activities we deliver are successful, useful, and/or fun
- To adapt the programme to make it more successful, useful, and/or fun
- To inform programme design and delivery
- To show our funders what we are doing
- To produce reports for people working in widening access to higher education
- To contribute to articles about what works, how, and why, for publication in academic journals.

All of this will be done anonymously, and you will not be identified or identifiable in any of our outputs.

What to do if you require more information or need to get in touch?

Feel free to ask me any questions you have about the evaluation. If you think of questions afterwards, want to know more about what is happening with your data, or would like to withdraw from the study please contact the primary investigator Nathan Kane, via email at nathan.kane@newcastle.ac.uk or contact the NERAP central team. You can reach the NERAP Team by telephone at 0191 208 3128 or via email to info@nerap.ac.uk. Our postal address is NERAP, Level 3 King's Gate, Newcastle University, NE1 7RU.

If you have any concerns about your information or wish to make a complaint, you can contact our Data Protection Officer at: www.ncl.ac.uk/data.protection.

The title of this research project is: North East Raising Aspiration Partnership.