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YouthLink
Scotland
The national agency for youth work

Boys and Young Men Project Survey Information

What is this research about?

No Knives, Better Lives are looking to complete research on what it is to be a boy or young man in Scotland today. The ultimate aim of the research is to help create a toolkit and series of training sessions to support youth workers and others working with young people to challenge stereotypes and assumptions about what it is like to be a boy or young man in Scotland today.

Why have I/my child been asked to take part?

To understand what it is like to be a boy or young man in Scotland, we are asking young people of all genders across Scotland who are involved in youth clubs and organisations to share their views. In particular, we are asking about gender identities and stereotypes, risk taking behaviour, attitudes to violence and community relationships and connections. We hope to hear from a broad range of young people to learn as much as possible.

What is involved?

We are asking young people aged 11 plus, to complete a survey which will be sent out to them from a youth worker. The survey should take no longer than 10-15 minutes to complete. All of the questions give a range of answer options, which means the young person will not need to write any text, they will just be asked to tick boxes that apply to them. The young person does not need to answer all of the questions, just the questions they feel comfortable to answer.

The young people can either complete the survey with support from parents/guardians or during a youth group session, with support from their youth worker. Your youth worker will let you know when this session will take place.

Who is carrying out this research?

The research is being carried out by YouthLink Scotland (National Agency for Youth Work in Scotland) on behalf of No Knives, Better Lives. ScotCen Social Research, an independent research organisation, has been commissioned by YouthLink Scotland to design the survey and analyse the data.

No Knives, Better Lives is funded by the Scottish Government and is a knife carrying prevention programme committed to exploring and responding to the causes of knife carrying and violence in Scotland.

Do I/ my child have to take part?

No – participation in this research is voluntary and if the young person or their parent/guardian does not wish for them to take part they can opt out. The youth worker will let you know which youth group session they will be supporting young people to complete the survey in, so you have the option to opt out. Choosing to opt out will not impact on the young person being able to take part in the youth group session, other activities will be offered.

How will the data be used?

All data will be treated in strict confidence in accordance with the Data Protection Act. The information collected will be used for research purposes only and will only be viewed by the research team.

We will use the data to write a report for No Knives, Better Lives. No one looking at the findings will be able to identify those who took part in the study.

Only the research team know who is taking part, and this information will not be shared with anyone else.

Will I/my child receive anything for taking part?

Yes, if the young person is a Young Scot Member they can earn 200 Rewards points for completing the survey. If they are not a Member yet they can go to young.scot to sign up.

Where do I/my child get support for any of the issues raised?

If you need any support for any of the issues raised in the survey please see:

<https://noknivesbetterlives.com/> - for information on deterring young people from carrying knives, with information for young people and parents/guardians

[Home - Fearless](#) – a safe place to give information on crimes anonymously

[Get Support | Childline](#) - for young people to share any worries

[Bullying advice for young people | Bullying UK](#) – providing advice and support to anyone affected by bullying

[Disrespect NoBody | Find out about healthy relationships, relationship abuse, consent and more.](#) – helps you learn and understand what a healthy relationship is

[LGBT Youth Scotland | LGBT Youth Scotland](#) – supporting LGBT young people

You can also talk to your youth worker if you have any concerns about any of the issues raised.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about the research, please contact Dr Amy Calder at acalder@youthlinkscotland.org