

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Are you aged **60+** and living
in Sheffield? This is for you!

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PEDESTRIAN REASSURANCE AT NIGHT

This research project is inviting you to contribute to making the streets of Sheffield safer to walk in at night. To participate, all you have to do is share a photo of a street you **feel safe walking** at night and one you are **not safe**. If not able to take photos, you could tell me the location, so that I could capture a photo (physically or from Google Streetview) . This will then follow with a very brief interview asking only about the photos.

Interested? Please contact 07908278104 or
scokwemba@sheffield.ac.uk for more information.

This is a research project for the University of Sheffield and has ethical approval via the university ethics process.



Participant Information Sheet

1. Research Project Title:

Safety Reassurance for older pedestrians at night.

2. Invitation paragraph

You are being invited to take part in a research project. Before you decide whether or not to participate, it is important for you to 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. Thank you for reading this.

3. What is the project's purpose?

This project involves an experiment to collect photos to understand streets where you feel safe or not safe to walk in at night. The first step will have you take the photos of these streets' and sending to the research through the contact details provided, either by email or social messaging platform. Alternatively, you can provide details of the streets and location, so the researcher can take a photo. The researcher will then organise with you for a follow up interview that will last 10 minutes to ask a few questions about the photos shared. The interview will be recorded for transcribing purposes only. This project is part of dissertation research for the MSc Sustainable Architecture Studies at the University of Sheffield School of Architecture.

4. Why have I been chosen?

This research is conducted for people living in the UK who are aged 60 years or more. Therefore, you have been chosen for this research.

5. Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part, you will be given this information sheet to keep (and be asked to sign a consent form) and you can still withdraw at any time* without any negative consequences. You do not have to give a reason. If you wish to withdraw from the research, please contact the lead researcher scokwemba1@sheffield.ac.uk.

6. What will happen to me if I take part? What do I have to do?

The research time will depend on the period between the researcher initiating communication and the participant responding. The interview stage will take 10 minutes. You will only participate in this project and after the interview, your participation is not required. During the interview, you will only be asked questions relating to the photographs of streets earlier sent, which will be important to understand pedestrian reassurance for safety and the factors involved. The questions will be open ended.

7. What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

There may be a challenge in using digital platform to conduct the interview, but this can be discussed with the researcher to find a suitable method. In-person interviews can be arranged. However, the online interviews are recommended because of the guidelines requiring social distancing.

8. What are the possible benefits of taking part?

Whilst there are no immediate benefits for those people participating in the project, it is hoped that this work will develop guidelines that will influence decision making towards safer pedestrian conditions for the old aged that will encourage walking for better health.

9. Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?

All the information that we collect about you during the research will be kept strictly confidential and will only be accessible to members of the research team. You will not be able to be identified in any reports or publications unless you have given your explicit consent for this. If you agree to us sharing the information you provide with other researchers (e.g. by making it available in a data archive) then your personal details will not be included unless you explicitly request this.

10. What is the legal basis for processing my personal data?

According to data protection legislation, we are required to inform you that the legal basis we are applying in order to process your personal data is that 'processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest' (Article 6(1)(e)). Further information can be found in the University's Privacy Notice <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/govern/data-protection/privacy/general>.

11. What will happen to the data collected, and the results of the research project?

Due to the nature of this research, it is very likely that other researchers may find the data collected to be useful in answering future research questions. We will ask for your explicit consent for your data to be shared in this way.

12. Who is organising and funding the research?

This research is being conducted as part of fulfilment of the educational program for MSc Sustainable Architecture Studies. The lead researcher is under the supervision of Dr Jim Uttley (j.uttley@sheffield.ac.uk) and Professor Steve Fotios (steve.fotios@sheffield.ac.uk).

13. Who is the Data Controller?

The *University of Sheffield* will act as the Data Controller for this study. This means that *University of Sheffield* is responsible for looking after your information and using it properly.

14. Who has ethically reviewed the project?

This project has been ethically approved via the University of Sheffield's Ethics Review Procedure, as administered by the Department of Architecture. The University's Research Ethics Committee monitors the application and delivery of the University's Ethics Review Procedure across the University.

15. What if something goes wrong and I wish to complain about the research?

In the event that you may need to have a complain addressed, you can channel this through email to the lead researcher scokwemba1@sheffield.ac.uk. However, should you feel that your complaint has not been handled to your satisfaction (e.g., by the Principal Investigator or Supervisor) you can contact the Head of Department architecturehod@sheffield.ac.uk, who will then escalate the complaint through the appropriate channels. If the complaint relates to how your personal data has been handled, information about how to raise a complaint can be found in the University's Privacy Notice: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/govern/data-protection/privacy/general>.

16. Contact for further information

Any further information regarding this research can be obtained from the contacts provided below. Lead Researcher: Samuel C. Okwemba (+44 790 8278104) scokwemba1@sheffield.ac.uk
Supervisor: Jim Uttley j.uttley@sheffield.ac.uk

Thank you for taking your time to contribute to this project. A copy of this information sheet and, if appropriate, a signed consent form to keep will be given to you.

Pedestrian Reassurance for the Older - Consent Form

<i>Please tick the appropriate boxes</i>	Yes	No
Taking Part in the Project		
I have read and understood the project information sheet dated 21/06/2021 or the project has been fully explained to me. (If you will answer No to this question please do not proceed with this consent form until you are fully aware of what your participation in the project will mean.)		
I have been given the opportunity to ask questions about the project.		
I agree to take part in the project. I understand that taking part in the project will include sending digital images to the researcher and participating in a brief interview (virtual or in person) that will be recorded for transcribing.		
I understand that my taking part is voluntary and that I can withdraw from the study at any time; I do not have to give any reasons for why I no longer want to take part and there will be no adverse consequences if I choose to withdraw.		
How my information will be used during and after the project		
I understand my personal details such as name, phone number, address and email address etc. will not be revealed to people outside the project.		
I understand and agree that my words may be quoted in publications, reports, web pages, and other research outputs. I understand that I will not be named in these outputs unless I specifically request this.		
I understand and agree that other authorised researchers will have access to this data only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information as requested in this form.		
I understand and agree that other authorised researchers may use my data in publications, reports, web pages, and other research outputs, only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information as requested in this form.		
I give permission for the photographs that I provide to be deposited in secure university google drive folder so it can be used for future research and learning		
So that the information you provide can be used legally by the researchers		
I agree to assign the copyright I hold in any materials generated as part of this project to The University of Sheffield.		

Name of participant [printed]

Signature

Date

Name of Researcher [printed]

Signature

Date

Project contact details for further information:

Lead Researcher: Samuel C. Okwemba (+44 790 8278104) Scokwemba1@sheffield.ac.uk

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