

What makes Wales my Home?: Participant Information Sheet

You are invited to take part in a project to find out about your life living in Wales. Before you take part it is important you read this information sheet carefully so you understand why you have been invited to take part. Please talk to the Policy and Research officer if you have any questions or concerns about taking part.

Why are we doing this?

We think it is really important to share people's experiences of migrating and settling in Wales. We want to increase understanding of EU migrants and why there live here. We want to share their positive contribution to Welsh society to make sure it is valued and help dispel any negative stereotypes about EU migrants. We want to find a common ground between communities to help bring people together and encourage good community relationships.

To do this we would like to speak to people who live in Swansea (EU citizens and people from Wales) about your life living in Wales – so we can share this with the wider community.

Who is the Bevan Foundation?

The Bevan Foundation develops new ideas to make Wales a fairer, prosperous and sustainable place. We are independent of government or any political party, and are funded by subscriptions, donations, grants from charitable trusts and foundations and commissions. The Bevan Foundation is a registered charity (no. 1104191) and company limited by guarantee (no. 4175018). The registered address is 145a High Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8DP. We have been funded by the National Lottery Community Fund to carry out this project.

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What happens if I take part?

As a result of COVID-19 we may not be able to meet you face-to-face. This means that we may ask to speak to you over the phone, or through other web-based platforms (but don't worry if you don't have them).

How we communicate with you will be based on what **you want to do** and we will discuss this with you.

We will ask you about what it is like living in Wales for you and your family. We want to find out what makes Wales your home and what you like or don't like about it. We want to share your experiences, if you have a favourite place you like to visit, if you have any hobbies and anything else you want to share about living in Wales.

We may present your story in a written form, or through pictures or sounds – or all three. We will ask your consent before we share anything.

Will the information I give be confidential?

The aim is to share your story with other members of the community. We may ask you if we can take photos of you or record some of our discussions. We hope to share some of your stories with others at exhibitions and/or events, but we would discuss this with you first and we would only do this if you give your permission.

Full transcripts of our discussions will only be available to the Bevan Foundation, and will not be passed to anyone else. The Bevan Foundation strictly adheres to the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998/2018, as well as the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). To find out more about our privacy policy please see <https://www.bevanfoundation.org/privacy-policy/>

Do I have to take part?

Your participation is voluntary, and you are free to withdraw **at any point**. You do not need to give any reason for doing so.

Who can I contact if I have any questions about this project?

If you have any questions about the research please do not hesitate to contact Claire Thomas who is leading on this project on 07494758855 or email Claire.Thomas@bevanfoundation.org. Alternatively, you can contact the Director of the Bevan Foundation victoria.winckler@bevanfoundation.org