

**Information Sheet and Consent Form for**  
**Children Participating in the**  
**AVA Community Groups**



**Information sheet for children**

Please read this information carefully before deciding to talk to us.

**Who are we?**

We are researchers from Middlesex University.

**Why would we like to talk to you?**

We would like to know what you think of the group that you have been attending. We want to hear about your views and experiences of the groups so that we can make the groups the best that they can be for other children.

**What will I have to do?**

We will ask you to draw some pictures about the group. We will then talk about the pictures. There are no right or wrong answers. This is about *your* views and experiences of being in the group.

**Do I have to talk of you?**

No. You do not have to talk to us if you do not want to. You can also change your mind about talking to us. If you decide not to talk to us this will not affect you or your mum and you can still come to the groups. You can tell your mum or group leader if you don't want to talk to us and they will let us know.

**Will others be able to tell it was me who said something?**

No. We will ask you to pick a fake name for yourself. This means that no one can tell it is you who told us something. We are interested in what all children think about the groups and we look at what all children tell us about the groups together. This means that we will not tell others what you have told us. The only time we would need to tell others what you have told us is if you tell us that you are in danger. Then we will need to speak to one of the group leaders so that they can make sure you are safe.

**What will happen to what I tell you?**

The information you give us will be stored safely on a computer at Middlesex University. Only the researchers will have access to the information. We will use the information you give us to find out what children think about the groups and how the groups can be made better.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Ethics Committee at Middlesex University.

## **Consent form for children**

**Title of research:** Evaluation of the Children and Young People's Community Group Workshops

**Name of researcher:**

Please put a tick next to each statement:

1. I have read/someone has explained to me and I understand the information sheet for the above study. I have had time to think about the information, ask questions and I am happy with the answers I have been given.
2. I understand that I do not have to take part if I don't want to. I also understand that I am free to change my mind about taking part at any time and I do not have to explain why I've changed my mind. Changing my mind will not affect me or my mum and we can still come to the groups.
3. I understand that some information about me (e.g. how old I am, if I'm a girl or a boy, or where I come from) may be shared by the group leader with the researchers from Middlesex University. This information will be "anonymous" which means that it will never be linked to the real me (e.g. my name or where I live). I give permission for such information to be shared anonymously and analysed by the research team.
4. I agree to take part in the above study.
5. I do not wish to take part in the above study.

_____ <b>Name of participant</b>	_____ <b>Date</b>	_____ <b>Signature</b>
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**Thank you for agreeing to take part in the evaluation of the Children and Young People's Community Group Workshops**

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