

**Information Sheet and Consent form for Mothers  
Participating in the AVA Community Groups**



We are researchers from Middlesex University doing research on the [Local Name of Workshop] workshops.

We would like to invite you to tell us about your experience of taking part in the [Local Name of Workshop] workshops. Before you decide you need to understand why the research is being done and what it would ask of you. Please take time to read the following information carefully. You don't need to decide immediately and you can talk to others about the research if you wish.

Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

- The purpose for the research is to find out what difference [Local Name of Workshop] workshops make to children, young people, and their mothers who attend the events and the different ways in which professionals working with those mothers and children and young people, deliver the workshops.
- You have been invited to participate because you have attended the [Local Name of Workshop] workshops.
- You don't have to take part in this research if you don't want to. If you decide to take part and then change your mind you can also stop participating in the research without that affecting your attendance, or your child's attendance, at the workshops.
- If English is not your first language let us know and we can arrange for someone to interpret for you.
- Anything you tell us about the workshops, or anything relating to the workshops, is confidential and anonymous. That means that we won't reveal to anyone that it is you who told us something. The only time we would need to speak to others is if you have told us that your child is in danger, or at risk of violence and/or aggression.
- The information you give us will be stored securely on computers at Middlesex University and only the researcher will have access to it.
- You personally will not directly gain from taking part in the research though we hope that you will enjoy talking to the researcher about your views and experiences. Indirectly we hope everyone will benefit from participating in the study because we will be able to use the information you give us to make the workshops the best that they can be.
- We have tried our best to make sure that nothing about this research is going to upset you or make you feel sad or worried. If, for any reason, what we discuss makes you feel angry, sad or worried then we will put you in touch with the [Local Name of Workshop] workshop leader so you can talk to them. If you have any problems with this research or the researcher you can also contact the [Local Name of Workshop] workshop leader.
- This study has been reviewed and approved by the Ethics Committee at Middlesex University.

**Consent form for mothers**

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

**Name of researcher:**

Please put your initial next to each statement:

1. I confirm that I have read/someone has explained to me and I understand the information sheet for the above study. I have had the opportunity to consider the information, ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily.
2. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason and without my participation in the workshops being affected
3. I understand that relevant, anonymised information about me (e.g. age, gender, ethnicity) and my family or about my participation in the [name of local workshop] workshop may be shared by the workshop coordinator with the researchers from Middlesex University. 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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