Information Sheet

Topic of Study: Roles and experiences of women in the UK with personal or family ties to Iraq during and after the Iraq War.

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before deciding whether to participate, please read this information carefully so that you understand why the research is being conducted and what taking part will involve. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to sign a consent form.

What is this study about and why is it important?
This study explores how the Iraq War and its aftermath continue to shape the everyday lives, family relationships, and community involvement of women living in the UK with personal or family ties to Iraq. It aims to contribute to a better understanding of the long-term social consequences of war across groups with different experiences, identities and migration backgrounds.

Why have I been invited to take part?
You are invited to take part in this study because you are a woman living in the UK with a personal or family connection to Iraq, and your experiences are relevant to the topics being explored. The study aims to involve women from a range of migration, ethnic and cultural backgrounds and life circumstances, so that different experiences and viewpoints can be represented. The research recognises that participants may describe their identities in different ways, and participants' own descriptions of their identities will be respected throughout the study.

What does taking part involve?

If you choose to participate, you will be invited to take part in a single interview lasting approximately 60 to 90 minutes. Interviews can be conducted online or in person, depending on individual preference and practical considerations. Interviews will be conducted in English. Where interviews are conducted in person, they will normally take place in agreed public settings such as university spaces, libraries, community centres, or cafes. The discussion will explore migration, everyday life, family and community relationships, and experiences associated with war.

Will I receive a voucher for taking part?

Participants will be offered a £10 voucher in recognition of the time involved in taking part in the interview.

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Possible benefits

Aside from the £10 voucher, participation is not expected to provide any direct personal benefit. However, your participation may contribute to a better understanding of women's experiences of war, migration and everyday life in the UK, including the longer-term social consequences of war.

Possible risks

Some interview topics may involve personal memories or experiences that you find sensitive. You do not have to answer any question you do not wish to answer. You may pause or stop the interview at any time without giving a reason. The researcher will respect your preferences and adapt the pace of the interview where necessary.

Can I withdraw from the study?

You are free to withdraw from the study without giving a reason at any point up to nine months after your interview. If you choose to withdraw during this period, your interview data will be permanently deleted.

How will my information be used and stored?

With your consent, your interview will be audio-recorded and transcribed. Anonymised information may be used in the PhD thesis, academic publications and presentations. With your additional consent, anonymised interview data may also be retained and shared through an approved data repository for future research or educational purposes. Research data will be stored securely on Newcastle University-approved servers. Your contact details will be stored separately, and access to identifiable information will be restricted to the researcher and supervisory team.

Has this study received ethical approval?

This study has received ethical approval from the Newcastle University Ethics Committee.

Who is sponsoring the research and responsible for my data?

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Newcastle University is the sponsor of this research and is the Data Controller for the personal data collected as part of the study.

Who should I contact for further information relating to the research?

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Who should I contact in order to file a complaint?

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding how your personal data has been handled, you may contact Newcastle University's Data Protection Officer at rec-man@ncl.ac.uk.
If you are not satisfied with the response, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO): https://ico.org.uk/