

Participant Information Sheet

Who are we and what are we doing?

We are researchers at the University of Edinburgh working on a project about woodlands in Scotland (Woodlands in and Around Towns). We would like to invite you to take part in this research study. Before you decide if you would like to take part it is important for you to understand why the research is being undertaken and what it will involve. Please take a few minutes to read the following information carefully.

What is it all about?

The aim of this research is to find out what people think of and how they use their local Woodlands during a focus group.

What are we asking you to do?

We need your help to understand what you think about the woodlands in your local area. The aim of the focus group is to have an informal discussion about changes that have been made to the local woodlands. We are interested to know how people from the local community have experienced these changes. Even if you haven't been to the woodlands, we would still be interested in hearing from you.

The focus group will take about one hour. Refreshments will be provided and as a thank you for taking part, you will be given a retail voucher.

How will the information be used?

We will use what we learn from you to identify the important things about the experience of the woodlands. The information will help us to advise a range of professionals such as foresters, planners and designers to better design and maintain woodlands.

Please remember!

- It is entirely your decision to take part.
- You are free to withdraw at any time for any reason.
- You do not have to give us a reason if you do not want to participate.
- You are free to change your mind after agreeing to participate.
- Anything you tell us will be kept strictly confidential and names will not be used in any reports that we write.

If you would like to ask some questions before deciding whether to take part please do speak to us. For further information, please contact:

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