



**Department of Psychology**

**Can you help with our MSc research project?**  
**Experiences of autism diagnosis and online friendships.**

We are interested in understanding autistic adults' experiences in our MSc research project. Specifically, this research will consider two topics. The first topic is the experiences of receiving an autism diagnosis, in adults diagnosed in childhood and those diagnosed later in life. The second topic will explore online friendships for autistic people. We think these are important topics for research because this research can help us understand the value of online friendships for autistic people and how experiences of diagnosis could be improved for others in the future.

One section of the survey will involve open questions regarding your experiences of autism diagnosis. The other section of the survey includes questions about your online friendships (if applicable). The questions will ask you about your friendships, including how close you think your friendships are, followed by some open questions regarding your experiences of online friendships. Finally, the questionnaire will conclude with some questions about you such as your age, gender and ethnicity.

If you would like to participate, you will complete an online survey, which will take approximately 30 minutes to complete (but may take longer if you write longer responses). The survey will have two sections and will involve both questions with fixed options, and questions which you are free to write as little or as much as you like in response.

**If you have a diagnosis of an autism spectrum condition, you could win one of two £50 Amazon vouchers by taking our survey!**

You must be over the age of 18 to take part. Find out more information and take the survey by following this link:

[https://rhulpsychology.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9RHI6oqK9AEUvf7](https://rhulpsychology.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9RHI6oqK9AEUvf7)

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