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PARTICIPANTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER WANTED FOR A STUDY ON AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL MEMORY

PROJECT TITLE: An examination of voluntary and involuntary autobiographical memory retrieval in people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

This study is being conducted as part of my, Dr. Barbara Dritschel, research program at the School of Psychology and Neuroscience, University of St Andrews.

We invite you to participate in a research project examining how being on the spectrum affects the way individuals remember personal experiences and how they deal with such memories.

You will first be asked to complete several measures of individual differences assessing your mood, your tendency to engage in systematizing behaviours, executive functioning that reflects the style of manipulating, inhibiting and generating information such as numbers and letters. You will also complete a short test of verbal ability as verbal ability can influence autobiographical memory retrieval.

During completion of the memory diary, you will be asked to record a total of 10 voluntary memories and 10 automatically arising memories, maximum 2 memories per day. For each memory, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire about the characteristics of the retrieved memory, and how you relate to and cope with it.

Participants must be between the age of 18 and 65 with a diagnosis of ASD.

All collected data will be confidential.

Participation will be awarded £15.

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