Participant information sheet

Project title: Exploring the role of attitudes toward offender reintegration

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This is an invitation to take part in a research study exploring how individuals view the reintegration of ex-offenders. Before deciding whether to participate, please read the following information carefully to understand the purpose of the study and what it involves.

If you choose to take part, you will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey. The survey includes a short demographic section (e.g., age, gender education, religion etc), followed by a series of statements relating to your views on social diversity, and attitudes toward reintegration. You will also be asked about your personal experiences related to crime, such as offending, knowing someone who has been incarcerated, or being a victim. Most of the survey consists of multiple-choice items, where you will rate your level of agreement with different statements. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

All data collected will be used solely for academic research purposes. No personal identifying information will be collected. Results will be reported in aggregate form only (i.e., grouped data), ensuring that individual participants cannot be identified in any publications or presentations resulting from this study.

Participation in this study is totally anonymous and voluntary and you are under no obligation to take part. You do not have to answer any questions you do not wish to. You are free to withdraw at any point before or during the study. All data collected will be kept confidential and used for research purposes only. It will be stored in compliance with the Data Protection Act. As an online participant in this research, we are obliged to make you aware that there is always a potential risk of intrusion by outside agents, for example through hacking, and therefore the possibility of being identified. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Dr Angie Makri at the email address listed above. We can also be contacted after your participation at the above email address.

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If you have any complaints about the study, please contact: Stephen Jackson - Chair of Ethics Committee stephen.jackson@nottingham.ac.uk