

INFORMATION SHEET

Research Title: Urban Regeneration and Welfare State Transformations: how contextual dynamics are reshaping housing opportunities, sense of community and sustainable lifestyles. A field and participatory research in Dublin

You have been invited to take part in the research study, along with around 40 other people, because you have been living in the Liberties area of Dublin for a long time and are willing to share your experiences. The information sheet explains the nature of the study, and what we will be asking you to do in the interview. It also explains how your interview will be used.

About the research

In the following months Maynooth University is conducting research to understand whether the Liberties area of Dublin's transformation has increased pressures experienced by existing households from landlords, real estate agents and various state and non-state actors. The research hopes to understand the role of gentrification on community and lifestyle changes, particularly on housing eviction and displacement.

Information from the interviews may be used in public presentations and/or publications, such as working papers, reports, journal articles or book chapters.

The project is based in the Department of Geography at Maynooth University. The Researcher is Dr Lidia Manzo.

About the interviews

The Researcher will visit you your home or in a place of your choosing. The interviews will last approximately one hour. The researcher will ask you questions about how and why you came to live in the Liberties, the roles of your participation, family relations, social networks and community associations in making housing decisions, and the various efforts to organise around it; and your future plans. If possible, we would like to interview all adult members of your household.

If you agree, the interviews will be audio-recorded and afterwards transcribed. With your permission, you, your home, and some of your personal photographs may also be photographed and videotaped. The information obtained (notes, audio/video recordings and photographs) will be securely stored on a password-protected computer or in a locked cabinet in Maynooth University, and will be accessible only to the Principal Investigator. You will be able to access this information at any time by contacting Dr Lidia Manzo. Please note that audio and video recording will be deleted and overwritten when they have been transcribed or edited (video). Interview transcripts will be deleted and overwritten (electronic) or shredded (paper) after ten years.

All information obtained from you during the research will be kept confidential. Your interview recording and transcript will be identified by a code number, and your name will be kept separate. Identifying information about you will not be used in any reports of the research or in any publications that draw on the research. In addition, we will avoid making participants fully identifiable on photographs and videotapes and we will avoid rendering the locations where we film identifiable as well. It is impossible, however, to insure anonymity on the videos. They will be used primarily by the Researcher for analysing the micro-details of housing and other activities of daily life. Edited excerpts will be used for academic and public policy presentations, including training videos for outreach

policymakers and scholarly presentations at research conferences and public policy research centres, and scientific publications.

In some circumstances, confidentiality of research data and records may be overridden by courts in the event of litigation or in the course of investigation by lawful authority. In such circumstances Maynooth University will take all reasonable steps within law to ensure that confidentiality is maintained to the greatest possible extent.

Your participation in this research is voluntary. You are free to refuse to take part at any time or withdraw your permission to use the audio or video taped interview in the research as well as the photographs at any time, without giving a reason, up until the research is published. You may refuse to answer any questions and may stop taking part in the study at any time without disadvantage.

Questions

If you have any questions about the research, you can contact the Research Fellow, Dr Lidia Manzo.

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If during your participation in this study you feel the information and guidelines that you were given have been neglected or disregarded in any way, or you are unhappy about the process, please contact the Secretary of the Maynooth University Ethics Committee at research.ethics@nuim.ie or +353 (0)1 708 6019. Please be assured that your concerns will be dealt with in a sensitive manner.