**Participants Needed – Research Project - Muslim Children in Care**

This is a call for participants for a research project on the experiences of children of Muslim heritage as they journey through the care system in Britain. This is part of a DFE-funded project that aims to increase the recruitment of Muslim foster carers and adopters, so that children of Muslim heritage do not have to wait as long as they currently do. This project will improve outcomes for Muslim children in the care system in the Midlands, by specifically understanding their journeys and the contexts in which they occur, in order to inform policy and practice. For more details about the project please visit - <http://www.coventry.ac.uk/research/research-directories/current-projects/2017/among-the-last-ones-to-leave/>

**What will participation mean?**

We want to interview social workers, adopters and foster carers who are caring for Muslim children or who have cared for them recently. We also want to interview prospective adopters and foster carers who are interested in looking after Muslim children, to understand their motivations and their journeys so far. All interviews will be recorded and subsequently transcribed. Participants will be kept fully anonymous throughout the research project.

**The Research team**

The team is led by Dr Sariya Cheruvallil-Contractor who is a sociologist of religion based at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University and an adopter herself. Co-investigator Savita de Souza leads the Black and Minority Ethnic Perspectives Advisory Committee (BMEPAC) at CoramBAAF

**What next?**

To participate in the research project please send an email to Sariya Cheruvallil-Contractor (ac0967@coventry.ac.uk). We will brief you about the research, answer any questions about the project that you may have and then arrange to interview you either in person or via a phone / skype call. We will analyse interview data and our findings will inform a report to the Department for Education. The report will be submitted at the end of November 2017. Findings will also be used for other publications including a children’s book and a practice guide for professionals. We hope to make a real difference in the lives of children by informing policy and practice.

**Thank you for your interest and participation in our project. We look forward to working with you.**

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