

Here to stay?

About the project

Here to Stay? is a research project conducted by the Universities of Strathclyde and Glasgow in Scotland and Plymouth University in England. The project is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and will continue until 2018.

The study will provide a unique understanding of the lives of young people from Eastern European families who have settled in the UK as a result of their families' migration since 2004.

The research is exploring young people's views on what impact migration has had on their family and peer relationships and sense of identity and belonging. It will also explore young people's views on a range of services that they access.

What are the aims of the project?

The project has several aims:

- To give voice to young people from the new ethnic minorities in the public debate on migration and national identity;
- To document the long-term social, educational and emotional experiences of migrant young people settled in Scotland and England since 2004;
- To explore the influence of migration and long-term settlement on Eastern European young people's sense of identity, citizenship and belonging;
- To examine the perceptions of young Eastern Europeans in relation to how services are meeting their needs and how these might be improved;
- To engage with a range of practitioners and policy makers who are working with Eastern European families in identifying key areas for support and best practice.

Who will be involved?

Research will be carried out with young people of Eastern European origin, aged between 12 and 18 years, who have lived in the UK for at least 3 years.

The first stage is an online survey open to all young people of Eastern European origin, living in the UK for at least 3 years. This can be found at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/heretostayproject

Following the survey, discussion groups and family case studies will take place with young people who have volunteered to take part. The research aims to work with families from different backgrounds.

In addition to working with young people, the researchers will interview service providers working with Eastern European families in the provision of services, such as education, out-of-school learning, leisure and health. The research will be based in different geographical areas (urban/semi-urban/rural), ensuring a variety conditions and service access.

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and belonging
among settled
Eastern European
migrant young
people in the UK**

Who is carrying out the research?

The project is conducted by a team of researchers based at the Universities of Strathclyde, Glasgow and Plymouth. The research team members have experience in working with children and young people, education, sociology, human geography, urban studies and public policy.

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