



Subject: Invitation to participate in a study on people's perceptions of mental health

Title of research: Situating Suicide Risk: An inquiry into the production of the lives and afterlives of neurobiological vulnerability

Head of research: Stephanie Lloyd, Professor, Department of Anthropology, Université Laval.

Dear Madam, Sir:

We are conducting a research project on people's lived experiences of suicide within a broader project that examines scientific explanations of suicide risk. The purpose of the research is to explore whether people's lived experiences of suicide are similar to or different from the ways in which scientists or clinicians portray these experiences. The project shares Roses in the Ocean's perspective that it is essential to document the personal and social elements of people's lived experiences of suicide and to meaningfully harness their insights and wisdom in efforts to better understand suicide.

We would like to carry out an interview of about 60-90 minutes, depending on your availability. The interview will be held in person if possible and will be carried out at the time and place of your choice. The interview may also be conducted over the phone or using an online platform (e.g., Zoom or Teams). With your agreement, the interview will be audio recorded and transcribed. The interview will focus on your perceptions of, experiences with, and ways to understand suicide, as well as your beliefs about the origins of suicidal thoughts or attempts.

A compensation fee of \$50 will be offered to cover the costs and inconveniences incurred in your participation in this study.

You are free to accept or to refuse to participate in this study.

This study was approved by the Research Ethics Board of Université Laval.

If you want to participate in an interview or if you want more information about this study, we invite you to contact the project head at stephanie.lloyd@ant.ulaval.ca:

Name:

Signature:

Phone number:

Email: Language:

Best time to contact you during the day:

Morning: 9:00 to 12:00 Afternoon: 1:00 to 5:00

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