

Participant Information Statement

Project Title: Exploring and understanding LGBTIQA+ allyship

Investigators and Other Project Personnel

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[Add co-investigators / project researchers, if applicable]

Introduction to Project and Invitation to Participate

We would like to find out about your experiences and views of allyship for LGBTIQA+ people. We are interested in hearing from LGBTIQA+ people, and from people who see themselves or identify as allies to LGBTIQA+ communities, across sport environments – including players, athletes, coaches, volunteers, fans, and people who work in sporting organisations. Because you are the only one who can tell us about your experiences, we would be most grateful if you would participate in a face to face or online interview with us at a time and date suitable for you.

What this project is about and why it is being undertaken

Allyship – where people act in support of, and to improve the treatment of, LGBTIQA+ people – has become increasingly visible in sport, from pride rounds and rainbow jerseys to athletes speaking up for trans and gender diverse people. However, allyship has also been criticised as tokenistic, and there is limited data on what LGBTIQA+ people want and need from allies. The aim of this research project is to explore how LGBTIQA+ people and allies understand and experience allyship across sport environments.

Project and researcher interests

This project is being led by The Diversity Storr. [Add funding body / partner organisations, if applicable]

Participation in this Project

If you decide to participate in this research, you will be asked to participate in a face to face or online interview with the researcher on a date and time that is convenient to you. It is anticipated that each interview will take approximately 30-45 minutes, however some may be shorter or longer depending on your experience and discussion of the topic. With your permission, the interviews will be audio recorded for research purposes. These recordings will be available only to the researcher, and all individual responses will remain confidential. You will be compensated with a \$50 voucher for your time.

Risks and Benefits

There are no known major risks associated with this research project and you are not expected to be subject to any risk, harm or discomfort by participating in this research. However, recalling previous experiences, including experiences of discrimination, may generate negative feelings. You can stop the interview at any time, and withdraw your interview data up to three (3) months after your interview.

By participating in this research, you will help sporting organisations, policy makers and communities better understand what LGBTIQA+ people want and need from allies, and how allyship can be practised in meaningful ways.

Free Consent/Withdrawal from Participation

It is important that you know that your participation is voluntary. If you agree to participate in this research project, you will be asked to sign a participant consent form. This will be retained by the researcher separately to the research interviews; only the research team will have access to the consent forms and interview data.

There is no loss of benefit or penalty should you decide not to participate in this research project. You may stop the research interview at any time during the interview, and withdraw your interview data from the research project up to three (3) months after the completion of your interview (when the results will

be published). You can withdraw by contacting the researcher and letting them know you wish to withdraw from the study.

Privacy and Confidentiality

Your privacy and the security of your personal information is important.

Prospective participants are being invited through LGBTIQ+ and sport community networks, partner organisations, social media and the project website, and no contact details have been made available to the researchers. If you choose to participate, you will contact the lead researcher (Dr Ryan Storr, ryan@thediversitystorr.com) yourself, using your preferred email or phone number, or book a time through the booking link on the project website. These contact details, including any booking details, will only be used to arrange your interview and will not be recorded or retained after the interview has been completed.

Signed consent forms will be retained by the researcher separately to the research interviews; only the researcher will have access to the consent forms and interview data. Interviews will be undertaken only between the researcher and yourself. Audio recordings will be transcribed through a transcription service, and will assure privacy and confidentiality of the data as part of the contract of service. Once the transcriptions are received, they will be de-identified, with each individual allocated to a code. The code will be stored separately to the transcripts. All data and analysis will be stored electronically on a password protected computer via the OneDrive cloud, which is also password protected.

Confidentiality will be assured and maintained as participants' interview data will be aggregated and will not be linked in any way to their personal details, will not be reported in the write up of the results, nor shared with any partner organisation.

Research output

Findings from this project will be shared through a research report, and may be published in academic journals, industry reports, conference presentations and media articles. You will not be identified in any of these outputs. [Add ethics approval details (e.g. HREC name and approval number) – required for academic publication.] All research data will be securely stored for up to five (5) years after publication and then destroyed via deletion of soft copy/electronic data and shredding of any hard copy consent forms or similar. We will use data overwriting utility in order to ensure data deletion.

Support Services

We will ensure a community support person will be available during the interview process. If you require any additional support, please ensure you contact your Doctor or contact the following,

DISCHARGED Suicide Peer Support Groups

Weekly online support groups for trans and gender diverse folks. For more information, go to <https://www.discharged.org.au/our-groups>. To access the groups, please email info@discharged.org.au.

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