

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Hello! My name is Jessica Drakett, and I am a PhD researcher in psychology at Leeds Beckett University. My research is focused around the areas of gender, sexism and humour in the workplace. Statistics suggest that women are still vastly underrepresented in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. As such, I am researching the **experiences of women** who:

- a) Are working towards a career in IT
- b) Are currently working in IT
- c) Have left a career in IT (at any time)

WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I am looking for **women over the age of 18** to take part in my research. I am interested in talking to you if you either:

- a) **currently work in IT**, or
- b) **have chosen to leave a career in IT (at any time)**

WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH INVOLVE?

Small focus group discussions (around six participants in each group) around working in IT, and some discussion of the results of my first study on humour and Internet memes. The focus groups will take place at Leeds Beckett University during normal office hours (between 9am and 5pm), and should take around an hour of your time. I understand this may not be ideal for some participants, so I am happy to be flexible on timing and location where possible.

This research has received ethical approval from the Leeds Beckett University ethics committee. The study has been approved using the Leeds Beckett University ethics processes.

For more information or to volunteer please contact J.Drakett@leedsbeckett.ac.uk