

## RESEARCH INFORMATION SHEET

### Outline of the research

We are researching a range of perspectives on youth, children and family ministry across the UK, to enable ministries in these spaces to be more effective and better meet the needs of children, youth and families.

### Who is the researcher?

Dr Sarah Holmes, Lead Researcher at Scripture Union (email [SarahH@scriptureunion.org.uk](mailto:SarahH@scriptureunion.org.uk))

This research is being carried out by Scripture Union, in collaboration with Liverpool Hope University.

### What will my participation in the research involve?

To complete an online survey, which will take about 10 minutes, depending how fully you complete the responses.

### Will there be any benefits of me taking part?

You will be contributing to the knowledge in this field. The findings will be used to inform resources and activities to enhance work of churches with children and young people.

### Will there be any risks to me taking part?

The risks will be minimal because you will do this in your own choice of setting. If you find any of the questions upsetting or uncomfortable, you can miss them out and you are free to cease participation at any time.

### What happens if I decide that I don't want to take part during the actual research study, or decide that the information given should not be used?

You are free to leave the research project within two weeks of participating. Please email Dr Sarah Holmes ([SarahH@scriptureunion.org.uk](mailto:SarahH@scriptureunion.org.uk)) if you wish to withdraw. You can do this at any stage until two weeks after participation in the online survey, because after that point, the data will all be anonymised, combined and analysed so it will no longer be possible to extract individual responses.

### How will you ensure that my contribution is anonymous?

The survey is completed anonymously. When we store your responses, we will store these safely and securely and we will remove any identifiable information. When we write up the findings we will ensure that no information is included which would enable you to be identified.

*Please note that your confidentiality and anonymity cannot be assured if, during the research, it comes to light that you are involved in illegal or harmful behaviours which I may need to disclose to the appropriate authorities.*