ELSIE NEWSLETTER

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Exploring Loneliness and Social Isolation in Emerging adulthood

What have we been up to?

ELSIE was granted ethical approval by the EHS Research Ethics Committee (2021_06_03_EHS), meaning that we can begin recruiting young adult volunteers to take part in our study. Interested in taking part? See below for how you can get involved!

We pre-registered ELSIE on Open Science Framework. You can read our pre-registration here!

Our detailed protocol for the ELSIE project was accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*.

Interested in taking part in ELSIE?

Are you aged 18 to 25 years old and living in Ireland?

Are you interested in taking part in a conversation about loneliness in young adulthood?

You do not have to have experienced loneliness to take part!



More about preregistration...

What is "pre-registration"?

Pre-registration involves specifying your research plan at the beginning of your study before collecting any data, and submitting this information to a registry (like Open Science Framework - www.osf.io). Usually, researchers use specific templates for different types of research projects.

Is it the same as a "protocol paper"?

Very similar! A protocol paper or article usually provides more detailed information on the background to the study (i.e., what is already known on the topic). Another difference is that protocol paper are usually evaluated by other scientists before the research is conducted (in psychology, a preregistration isn't formally reviewed in detail).

Why pre-register a study?

Pre-registration encourages researchers to think carefully about their methods and be clear in the details of their research plans before carrying out the research. It also helps readers understand which research findings were anticipated in advance, and which were unexpected. Of course, protocol articles help with this too.



From the archives

Check out this paper coauthored by Ann-Marie and funded by the Irish Research Council on the relationship between loneliness and cardiovascular reactivity in young adults.

Click here!

From the archives



We loved listening to this podcast 'Psychology and loneliness' in the series Loneliness Explored by the Campaign to End Loneliness!

Click here to listen!

Meet some more members of the ELSIE research team!



Mamobo Ogoro is a social psychology PhD researcher in the University of Limerick. Mamobo's research explores the social representations of first- and second-generation migrants in Ireland.



Eoghan Allen is a masters student in psychology at UL. Eoghan completed his undergraduate degree in business before deciding to make the switch to psychology as he wanted to work more closely with people- especially young adults!

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Next time...











Have you got questions for us?



Email us at elsie@ul.ie