



Research Project Overview: Rural Youth Activism

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Thanks for your interest in our research project!

We are interviewing 14-18-year-olds from rural areas in northern New York, to learn more about how rural youth think about activism and/or promote social justice and political change. These interviews will take place using Zoom, and will last between 45 minutes and one hour.

You are eligible to participate if you are:

- Between the ages of 14 and 18,
- Live in a rural area in northern New York, and
- Consider yourself as being involved in social justice, social change, or political action.

That sounds like me, and I am interested! What next?

1. Contact us and let us know!
Email: smollilm@potsdam.edu or call/ text: 315-400-0478.
2. We will get back to you to set up a time for us to meet for an interview using Zoom.
3. In the meantime, check out the "[Informed Consent Form](#)"

The Informed Consent form provides more specific details and an overview of what to expect if you decide to participate in this study. Before any interviews begin, we must obtain legal consent for you to participate in this study (this means you read, understand, and agree to the information in the Informed Consent form). This process will look a little different based on your age, you'll find more information about this on the form.

4. During the interview:
 - At the start of the interview, we will review the [Informed Consent Form](#) and obtain consent from you and/or your parent/legal guardian.
 - If you agree, we will record the interview.
 - Then, we will begin: You will be asked questions about your interest, participation in, and thoughts about social change, political action and social justice.
 - At the end, you can decide if you want to enter a random drawing to win a \$25 gift card.

The researchers conducting this study are Dr. Leandra Smollin and Dr. Anna Sorensen. Please contact us with any questions you have, via email, phone, or text:

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Thanks for your interest, we look forward to talking with you!