



## Relationships and Foster Carer Professional Role – Qualitative Study

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### Experience of care leavers help to understand foster carers' role

**Have your say in our study on Foster Carers professional role by taking part in focus group meeting.**

A team of researchers at CELCIS wants to find out what it takes to be a foster carer. In cooperation with a researcher from Slovak Academy of Sciences CELCIS is conducting qualitative study "Relationships and Foster Carer Professional Role".

One part of the study invites care leavers to participate in a focus group meeting. **It is important to hear what care leavers think about good fostering.** Their experience and views can offer valuable learning points.

The team is interested in understanding all kinds of perspectives and experience of people involved – foster carers, care leavers and academics. The study will help us understand the complexity of foster carers' work and it may offer a lead on how to support foster carers and children in care.



## Focus Groups

To gather the experience of care leavers CELCIS will organize several focus group meetings with young adults.

- Taking part is completely **voluntary**. It is ok to decide not to take part (or dropout during the study).
- The meetings will take about **60 – 90 minutes** and may be **audio recorded** if you agree.
- We will talk about **your views** on relationships between foster carers and looked after children.
- You will be encouraged to freely speak your mind with **respect to others**.
- We will take **great care of information** you share with us. Data will be anonymised and analysis will not be focused on person, but on topics.
- We will put a **summary of the study findings** on the CELCIS website (after February 2019) after the study is finalised.