



## Information Sheet

### Understanding Exploration in New Environments

My name is Alex Lloyd and I am running a study about how young people, like yourself, approach new situations in everyday life. I would really appreciate it if you would like to take part, as this will help me to understand how people of different ages deal with new situations and how that might change as you get older.

If you have any questions about this research you can contact me by email ([Alex.Lloyd.2018@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:Alex.Lloyd.2018@rhul.ac.uk)), or you can speak to one of my supervisors, Dr. Catherine Sebastian ([Catherine.Sebastian@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:Catherine.Sebastian@rhul.ac.uk)), Professor Ryan McKay ([Ryan.McKay@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:Ryan.McKay@rhul.ac.uk)) and Dr. Joshua Balsters ([Joshua.Balsters@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:Joshua.Balsters@rhul.ac.uk)).

#### What do I have to do?

- If you want to take part, there will be some short computer games to play that will ask you to make simple decisions, and a few short questionnaires that will ask you about how you feel and behave day to day. This will take part in an MRI scanner (more details will be given if you decide that you want to take part).
- It is important for you to know that we keep your answers confidential and anonymous by giving you a number and only using that number in the study.
- Copies of this anonymous information may be made available to research data sharing platforms such as the UK Data Archive and Open Science Framework, and to other relevant researchers for research purposes only.

#### What if I don't want to do it?

- That's ok! You don't have to take part in any stage of the study you don't want to.

- If you decide you would like to have a go, you can stop at any time without having to give a reason, and that won't affect you or your education in any way!
- If you would like to take part it would be great if you could answer all the questions honestly and completely, but if there are any questions you would rather not answer you can leave them blank.

This study has passed the ethics procedure at Royal Holloway, University of London and is in line with the British Psychological Society. If you would like to take part, fill in the form on the next page and send it to the experimenter at:

[alex.lloyd.2018@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:alex.lloyd.2018@rhul.ac.uk)

## **Understanding Exploration in New Environments**

You have been asked to participate in a study about how exploration changes with age, which is being carried out by Alex Lloyd.

Please provide the following information:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_