

Stigmatizing Men: A call for research participants

Men may be stigmatized in many ways such as: self-centered, angry, potentially abusive, immoral, irresponsible. Even when an individual male is innocent of such negative descriptors, such stigmatization could affect his employment, social or family relations. The purpose of this research is to increase our understanding of the effects of such stigmatization on men who believe they have been wrongly profiled. Men who agree to be part of this research will be invited to share an incident or group of incidents that happened to them demonstrating this stigmatization and their reaction to it. Their answers will be analyzed for themes and these themes will be compared with the narratives of the other men in this study. As a result of this study we will be able to determine whether there are certain themes that may be common to male stigmatization and that determination will direct future research.

If you are a male over the age of 18 and are not currently in counselling or involved with the justice system and you believe that you have been unfairly stigmatized because of your gender you are invited to participate in this research. Please contact Lloyd Robertson, Ph.D., by e-mail at: Lloyd@hawkeyeassociates.ca or phone: 306.425.9872 for further information.

This study has been reviewed by the Athabasca University Research Ethics Board. Should you have any comments or concerns regarding your treatment as a participant in this study, please contact the Office of Research Ethics at 1-800-788-9041, ext. 6718 or by e-mail to rebsec@athabascau.ca