



How power cuts affected people last winter



Hello, my name is Poppy Ellis Logan.



I am doing **research**. **Research** means looking at something to find out more about it.



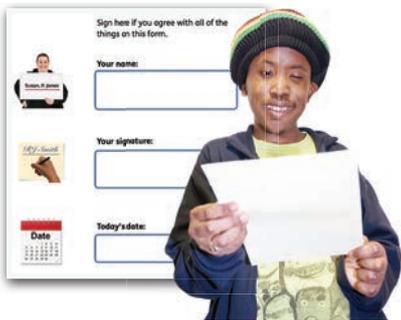
Last winter, we had lots of storms. The storms caused lots of **power cuts**.



A **power cut** is when your electricity stops working. This means things like your lights, tv and kettle won't work.



I want to speak to people who had a power cut last winter. A power cut that lasted for 2 days or more.



If you would like to take part in my research please read this leaflet first. Then fill in the form that comes with this leaflet.



What I want to do

I want to find out what it was like for people when they had a power cut.



I want to meet and talk to people about their experiences. This is called an **interview**.



I want to find out:

- what things were hard



- what helped and what did not help



- ideas about how to make things better for people in the future if there is a power cut



I want to ask people with a disability or **health condition** how they coped with the power cuts.



A **health condition** is something you need help to manage. You might need medication or have other support.

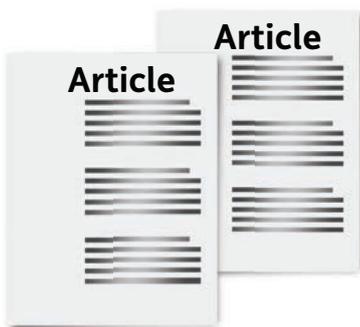
After the interviews



I will use what everyone tells me to write a report.



I hope the report will be ready in 2024.



I will also write some smaller reports called **articles**.



All of the reports will go online.

Who can take part

To take part and have an interview, you must:



- be aged 18 or older



- speak English or use British Sign Language



- understand all of the information in this leaflet before you decide to take part

What will happen if I take part

I will interview you on a video call on the computer. You can speak or type your answers in if you want to.





If using the computer is difficult, I can phone you instead.



Your interview will last about 45 to 90 minutes. You can have a break if you need it.



In the interview I will ask you:

- how the power cuts were for you
- if you have a disability or health condition that was affected by the power cut
- if your disability or health condition made it hard for you to cope with the power cut





I want to record the interviews.



A **third party** will listen to the recordings.

A **third party** is someone who is separate from King's College London and from you.

The third party will write down what you have said in the recordings.



I will use these notes to write my report.

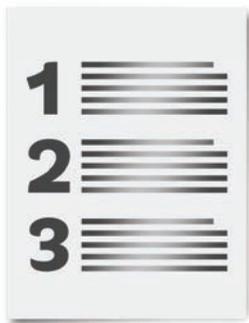


I can only do this if you agree to it. This is called **giving consent**.

Support for the interview



If you need some support to do the interview please tell me. I can help get you the support you need.



We can help you with things like:

- sending you a list of the questions we want to ask you
- taking breaks if you need them
- having someone with you to support you





Do you have to take part

You do not have to take part if you do not want to.



If you have any questions, just ask us.

A thank you for taking part



We will give you a gift voucher for £30. This is to say thank you for helping me.



You can spend the gift voucher online on Amazon.



If you have someone to support you to do the interview, they will get a £30 gift voucher too.



We will send you the voucher within 2 to 3 weeks after the interview.

If you find the interview upsetting



You may find it upsetting to talk about your disability or health condition.



If any of the questions are upsetting we can:

- take a short break

or

- leave out those questions



How we keep your information private and safe



To interview you we need to know some personal information about you.

Things like:

A light blue rectangular form with three sections. The first section is labeled 'Your name' and contains a small icon of a person. The second section is labeled 'Address' and contains a small icon of an envelope with the word 'email' on it. The third section is labeled 'Work' and contains a small icon of a person working at a desk.

- your name
- your email address
- whether you have a job or not



We will also have the information you tell us at the interview.



We will keep what you tell us **confidential**.

The research team at Kings College London will be able to see your information.



Other people working on my research will see what you tell us. But they will not see your personal information.

Using what you tell us in our report



If I write what you tell us in the report, I will not put things like your name or email address in it.

That way nobody can tell it was you who told us.



We will keep your information locked up safely on our computers.



We will keep your information for 7 years then we will delete it.



The law says you have rights when we keep information about you.



For more about your rights and how we use your information, go to our website:

www.kcl.ac.uk/research/support/research-ethics/kings-college-london-statement-on-use-of-personal-data-in-research



This information is not in easy read.

What if I change my mind



You can change your mind at any time before the interview and decide not to take part.



If you change your mind, you must let us know. We will cancel your interview.



If you change your mind after the interview, you must tell Poppy within 1 week after your interview



I will delete everything you have told me. It will not be used to help write the report.



If you tell me after 1 week it might be too late.



I will keep your information. But I will not use your name or address in my report.

Support for my research



King's College London is giving me some money to help me do this research.



You can find more information here:
<http://epr.hpru.nihr.ac.uk/>

How to take part



If you would like to take part in my research, email me at:
poppy.ellis_logan@kcl.ac.uk

In your email, you must tell me you want to take part.



You should also tell me if you have any support needs to do the interview.

For more information

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact me:



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By post:

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If you are unhappy

If you are unhappy about your interview and want to complain, you can tell James Rubin.



James is in charge of checking my work.

You can contact James:



By email:

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By phone:

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Thank you for reading this leaflet.
I hope you want to take part in my
research.