

## **Disabled parents with good experiences wanted for research study**

Has your child's school supported you to become involved in your child's education? Have teachers or local authority staff been helpful in overcoming barriers, for example, in the way they provide information, making the school building more accessible or visiting you at home? If so, then we would like to hear from you!

The University of Strathclyde is seeking disabled parents to interview for a research study. We are looking to find examples of good practice in disabled parents' participation in their children's education. The outcome from the study will include guidance for schools, local authorities and disabled parents.

We would like to interview parents who:

- live in central Scotland, Cumbria or Northumberland
- have mobility, sensory or learning disabilities or mental health issues
- have some experience of good practice in schools or in local education departments which has supported them to be involved in any aspect of their children's education
- We are keen to talk to (disabled) fathers as well as mothers.

The interviews will take place between February and April 2009. They will be confidential individual interviews and will be held at a time and place convenient to parents. They will last for up to an hour.

Previous research has shown that some disabled parents have poor experiences with their children's schools. In this study we are focusing on examples of good practice so that these can be publicised and used as a model for areas that are doing less well. So if you are a disabled parent and have a good story to tell about being involved in your children's education, please contact in confidence:

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