

Research Study Invitation for UK-Based Counsellors & Psychotherapists

The research has full ethical approval granted by Waverley Abbey College Research Ethics Committee.



Have you counselled clients who have experienced religious persecution?

I'd like to hear how this work has affected you.

Who I'm looking for

- UK-based qualified counsellors/psychotherapists (minimum Diploma level)
- Registered with BACP, UKCP, ACC or an equivalent professional body
- Working with adult clients (18+)
- Have worked with at least one client who has experienced religious persecution (any faith tradition)

What is the study about?

I am carrying out an Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) study as part of my final year of the MA in Therapeutic Counselling, Psychotherapy & Supervision at Waverley Abbey College.

The research explores how counsellors experience and make sense of vicarious trauma when working with the trauma narratives of clients who have suffered religious persecution. It aims to understand the emotional, relational and spiritual impact of this work, and to consider implications for practice, supervision and organisational support.

What will you be asked to do?

- Take part in one confidential, semi-structured interview (approx. 60 minutes)
- Interview held online via Microsoft Teams, at a time convenient for you
- Interview will be audio-recorded and transcribed by the researcher
- Your contribution will be anonymised; you can pause, skip questions or stop at anytime
- No travel and no questionnaires are involved; no payment is offered

Interested or want to know more?

For more information or to express interest in taking part, please contact:

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