

RESEARCH INVITATION

# Feeling *Out of Place* in Clinical Practice?

*Bêcihî* / Kurdish · n. / the felt sense of placelessness; of being without a rooted place

*Have you ever felt "in-between" or "without a place" in your professional identity as a counsellor or psychotherapist?*

## ABOUT THIS STUDY

This research investigates how a practitioner's own **"felt sense"** of not having a stable place shapes their clinical presence and professional role. Using the Kurdish concept of **Bêcihî** (placelessness) as a theoretical lens, the study explores the universal experience of displacement — and what it means for those who hold space for others.

*Becihi*

## WHO CAN TAKE PART?

- **Qualified counsellor or psychotherapist** (UK registered), or a trainee in clinical placement
- Resides and practises within the **UK**
- Resonates with a felt sense of **placelessness** or not having a clear sense of belonging
- Proficient in **English** (cultural expressions and metaphors are warmly welcomed)

## WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- A single, confidential **60-minute interview**
- Conducted **online via Microsoft Teams** or in-person in a professional setting
- Entirely **voluntary** — you may withdraw at any time
- All data will be fully **pseudonymised** to protect your identity

INTERESTED? CONTACT THE LEAD RESEARCHER

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