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Hello,

I am the principal investigator of the *Trans\*ition Rituals Project* and a faculty member in the Folklore department at Memorial University. The TRP is working to document and understand the ways that trans\* and gender-diverse adults in [Newfoundland and Labrador/Atlantic Canada] develop rituals around processes of physical gender affirmation or gender transition. "Rituals" can include any collection of repeated behaviours that people perform to improve to add meaning or comfort to their gender affirmation or transition practices. Sometimes these rituals may be religious or spiritual, but often they are secular. They can be elaborate, formal performances, or they can be as simple as listening to a specific song or arranging your material in a particular way. Sometimes they're shared between people, and sometimes individuals invent them on their own.

We are interested in documenting what these rituals can look like and how they impact people's relationships with their bodies, their genders, their identities, and their communities.

We are looking for participants to take part in a 30-90 minute audio-recorded interview about their ritual. The interview can be in-person in St. John's or can be conducted virtually. Interview participants will be compensated \$50.

Additional information, including a copy of the informed consent document that participants will fill out, is available at [www.queerjoystories.com/transitionrituals](http://www.queerjoystories.com/transitionrituals).

If you have any questions, please feel free to email via the secure project email account at [transitionrituals@mailfence.com](mailto:transitionrituals@mailfence.com).

Thanks in advance.

Kind regards,

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The proposal for this research has been reviewed by the Interdisciplinary Committee on Ethics in Human Research and found to be in compliance with Memorial University's ethics policy. If you have ethical concerns about the research, such as your rights as a participant, you may contact the Chairperson of the ICEHR at [icehr.chair@mun.ca](mailto:icehr.chair@mun.ca) or by telephone at 709-864-2861.