

Interview Request for Women Living in London

This letter is to ask your participation in my interview research about women's experiences of childbirth and childcare.

I am Kaori Hata, a lecturer of Rikkyo University in Tokyo, Japan. Since 2007, I have been collecting research data of women's talk about their experiences of childbirth and childcare. I aim to clarify how women acquire their identities as mothers, and to find the influences from their sociocultural background.

Last year, I collected data from Japanese women living in the UK (mainly London). Thanks to them, I have obtained fruitful data from 29 participants and presented the research findings at international conferences and in written publications. This summer, I am hoping to have interviews with women who 1) are currently living in London, 2) have mainly grown up in the UK (preferably in London), 3) have experiences of childbirth and childcare, 4) agree to video-recording, and 5) agree to the use of data in academic conferences, publications and database accessible only to the authorised researchers under the condition of eliminating any private information (pseudonyms for names and places to protect anonymity). The details of interview are as follows:

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| 🍏 Date: | A convenient day from 3rd to 28th of August |
| 🍏 Length: | 30-60 minutes |
| 🍏 Place: | Any place of your convenience (e.g. Interviewer's temporary accommodation in London or interviewee's home) |
| 🍏 Method: | Pair or individual interview |
| 🍏 Content: | Conversation about your own experiences of childbirth and childcare |

🍏 In appreciation of your cooperation, participants in this research will be provided travel expenses and a nominal fee of £10 for the session.

If you are willing to participate this interview, would like further information or have any queries, I would appreciate if you could contact me through the website: <http://hatakaori.com/narrativestudies/>.

Thank you for your consideration.

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