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My name is Jad Brake (he/him/his). I am a neurotypical PhD student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia. As part of my doctoral degree, I am conducting research that focuses on how adults in the BC Lower Mainland, who are diagnosed with autism establish and maintain friendships.

To participate in this study, you must be: At least 18 years old, diagnosed with autism, live in the BC Lower Mainland.

The study includes two parts- face-to-face interviews as well as participation in some of the activities that you engage in with friends (the latter is optional). However, during Covid-19 outbreak, only online activities will be used, and you will be asked to participate in phone or video interview (Zoom, FaceTime, Skype).

Your participation is entirely voluntary. If you agree to participate, I would like to meet you for an interview and speak with you about your personal friendship experiences as well as your experience of social relationships. All of your responses and the information that you provide in this interview will be confidential. If you agree, and only if you feel comfortable with it, I would also like to accompany you to some of your meetings with friends and/or to some events and activities that you attend in the community.

For your participation in the interview, you will be offered an Amazon gift card valued 35\$.

I hope you will contribute to this study and contribute to a better understanding of the social experience of adults with autism.

Liking or sharing this invitation may identify you as a research participant. If you are interested in participating in my study, please contact me at jad.brake@alumni.ubc.ca or 778-9273111.

If you have additional questions, you may also contact the Principal Investigator for this study, Prof. William McKellin, Department of Anthropology, w.mckellin@ubc.ca or 604-822-2756.

Thank you for your time,
Jad Brake