

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are producing a series of films aimed at raising awareness of service-related mental illness and how it affects ex-servicemen and women and their families. We are writing to see whether you would consider speaking to us – initially just for research purposes - about your personal experience of service-related mental illness?

The films are supported by the Wellcome Trust, a charity dedicated to improving health through science, research and engagement. Each film will explore the experience of service related mental illness as a result of a different conflict, ranging from WW1 to recent conflicts including Iraq and Afghanistan. The films aim to present first-person testimony in a way that defies the stereotypes, prejudice and misinformation surrounding War Trauma.

The visuals will be animated, which means we will not show the faces of participants in the films. Spoken testimony will be used anonymously and animations will illustrate the words. You can see some examples of animated documentaries we have made in the past at www.animatedminds.com.

The finished films will be seen at museums and galleries as well as online and will be distributed to veterans, health workers and the general public through our network of UK partners who include Combat Stress and NHS veterans' services, as well as a nationwide network of museums and galleries. One of the primary aims of the films is to help veterans and service-men and women to better understand mental health issues that can result from service.

If you are interested in learning a bit more about the project – or having a chat with me about your experience - you can give me a call on the number below or send me an email. In the long-term we are looking for people who would be interested in contributing their experiences to the films but no initial conversation would be used for this purpose – neither will any information given during research conversations be used in the films. If you would like to learn a bit more about Mosaic Films please visit our website at www.mosaicfilms.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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