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I would again like to thank the FPSA for their continued financial support towards my Doctorate in Systemic Psychotherapy. The course has provided me with the skills to undertake research and contribute to professional knowledge in this area. My study will contribute to the thinking in the field of adolescent identity development in migration.

My project involves interviewing two generations of migrant families. One generation needs to be from the Caribbean and the other needs to have grown up in the UK. I am interested in 'how, when and if' family members used stories and sayings from their home land when communicating with the second or other generations in the new home land. I am also interested in the meanings that have been ascribed to the stories/sayings, how the next generation felt about being communicated with in that manner and whether they have maintained use of stories/sayings.

I am now in year 3 of this programme and have begun to recruit participants to my study. I have had interest from a number of families who are keen to contribute. I will be meeting with these families in 2015 to undertake the interviews. I continue to meet with my peers to discuss my project and really look forward to becoming more involved in the research process.

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Warmest Regards

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