

NEW COMMUNITIES PROJECT

Well-being & Mental Health
amongst migrant/ethnic minority
communities in Ireland

Introduction to Field Research

Access, Ethics and Trust

Access

- How do we gain access to participants?
- Gatekeepers and Key informants
- Snowballing

Ethics

Sociologists have a responsibility to ensure that the physical, social and psychological well-being of research participants is not adversely affected by the research. They should strive to protect the rights of those they study, their interests, sensitivities and privacy, while recognising the difficulty of balancing potentially conflicting interests

British Sociological Assoc
Statement of Ethical Practice 1994

Ethics

- Professional Integrity
- Informed Consent
- Anonymity
- Confidentiality
- The 'right to refuse'
- 'Above all do no harm'

Trust

- Gaining Trust
- Keeping Trust
- Preserving trust