

Accommodating Creative Knowledge – Competitiveness of European Metropolitan Regions.

The Centre for Urban and Regional Studies (CURS) at the University of Birmingham is currently involved in ACRE, a major EU research project involving researchers, creative practitioners and policy-makers in 13 countries across Europe. ACRE aims to improve our understanding of the effect of knowledge-intensive and creative industries on the competitiveness of European metropolitan regions.

As part of this research, we are looking at the factors that attract people to certain locations. In particular, we want to understand what makes highly skilled people decide to find a job and live their lives in a particular city.

As someone working in the creative-knowledge sector in Birmingham, we want to find out what attracted you to Birmingham and why you chose this city to be based:

- Is Birmingham a good place to live?
- Is Birmingham a good place to work or base a business?
- Is Birmingham a socially inclusive and tolerant city?
- Is Birmingham a vibrant and creative city?

If you would like to take part in this research, please following the URL to access our online questionnaire*: http://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/bham/acrework2

If you prefer to complete a written version of the questionnaire, or have a questionnaire emailed to you, please contact Julie Brown (j.brown.1@bham.ac.uk or telephone 0121 414 2237) and we will send one out to you.

For further information on the project, please use the following link: http://www2.fmg.uva.nl/acre/index.html

For further information about CURS, please use the following link: http://www.curs.bham.ac.uk/

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