

**“Our pupils do NOT speak Doric, they speak Aberdonian!”:
First impressions of a sociophonetic study of adolescents in Aberdeen**

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Abstract

Having just finished my fieldwork on phonological variation in Aberdonian English, I will present my first impressions of this project. The focus will be on the methodology employed and the problems and pitfalls I encountered. I will also present first results for the current data on variation in the variable (TH), as in *thought*, *three*, *both*, *teeth*, etc. and try to compare them to a study I carried out in Glasgow as part of my Masters’ degree. The third part will be a brief outlook on possible further research projects on English in Aberdeen.