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### Women 'better at friendships'

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WOMEN form deep and lasting friendships while men make fickle friends over a pint, according to research published today.

Females make "deeper and more moral" pals than their male counterparts, who are "calculating" in who they choose to call their mates, according to a new study by the University of Manchester.

The four-year investigation concluded that friendships between men are "fickle" and based on what what "they can get out of it".

But women stand by their friends and are interested in how they express themselves and form their identity.

Around 10,000 people took part in the research and were studied between 1992 and 2002.

Dr Gindo Tampubolon, from the university's Research Centre for Socio-Cultural Change, said men based their friendships on boozing in the pub.

He said: "Friendship between women seems to be fundamentally different to friendship between men. Social mobility

"It's much deeper and more moral: it's about the relationship itself rather than what they can get out of it.

"Women tend to keep their friends through thick and thin across geography and social mobility.

"And women's view of friendship has something to do with how they express themselves and form their identity.

"Men, on the other hand, are more fickle with their relationships and seem more interested in 'what's in it for me'.

"Adding to the bad news for male prestige, the study confirms the stereotype that men are likely to base their friendship on social drinking."

The data also found single people, older people and white collar workers were better at pairing up.

Middle-class people are more likely to cast their net of friendship far wider, whereas working-class people had most friends within their socio-economic group.

The research found individuals were much more likely socialise with people from their own gender - 75% of best friends were with the same sex.

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