

# Research consent form: #GlobalCitizens

Dear participant

You have been asked to take part in the research study ‘#GlobalCitizens’ conducted by Dr Madeleine Le Bourdon, a Lecturer at the University of Bath. The research is conducted in partnership with the [Consortium of Development Education Centres](#) and is funded by the [European Education Research Association](#) and [Global Education Network for Europe](#). The aim of this document is twofold:

- To provide information on the study, expectation of participation and the rights of participants.
- To gain consent from you, to take part.

**The research:** This study will examine the role and impact of social media as a platform for young people to learn about and engage in global issues. Online platforms are now used widely across mainstream education, however, in light of COVID-19 there has been an acceleration of educational campaigns shared across social media over the past year. Many of these have centred around global social justice issues and have come hand-in-hand with campaigns or digital protests. Therefore, this project seeks to understand the impact of this trend on young people in the UK.

**The Questionnaire:** This questionnaire will ask participants about their social media habits and engagement in social justice issues. There will be a series 26 of multiply choice and open questions to answer, with additional space for any other comments. Additional focus groups will take place this summer. We ask you to tick whether you and your child would be willing and interested to take part. If so, more information will be sent you in due course.

**Confidentiality:** Participants will remain anonymous so that you cannot be identified by anyone, even the researcher. Instead, you will be given an identification number on the interviewer’s sheet for reference but that cannot be traced back to you. Some basic information such as your age, gender and ethnicity will be asked for the purpose of demographic diversity. However, submission of these details are all optional, so if you do not want to answer these, just skip them.

**Risks & Benefits:** There are no risks to safety, all questions are optional and pose no potential harm. This research will go onto contribute to the wider understanding of youth activism and positive roles of social media- and you will be part of this exciting research.

**Freedom to Withdraw or Refuse Participation:** You have the right to withdraw (pull out of the research) at any time, or to refuse to answer any of the questions without prejudice from the investigator.

**Questions?** Please feel free to ask the researcher any questions before signing the consent form or at any time during or after the study.

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**Grievance Procedure:** If you have any concerns or are dissatisfied with any aspect of this study you may report your grievances to:

Angelika Wegscheider at the European Research Association (EERA)

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**Please tick if you would like more information on taking part in additional focus groups:**

**Summary- What you are agreeing to:**

I agree to:

- taking part in the online questionnaire #GlobalCitizens
- giving basic background information, whilst remaining anonymous
- answering questions about my social media use
- my answers being stored in a secure, locked database and destroyed once analysed.
- my answers being part of research which will be disseminated through published outputs.
- Providing an email address below to send the questionnaire to.

**Informed Consent Statement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to participate in the research project entitled, “#GlobalCitizens”. The study has been explained to me and my questions answered to my satisfaction. I understand my right to withdraw from participating or refuse to participate will be respected and that my responses and identity will be kept confidential. I give this consent voluntarily.

Participant Signature:

Email:

Date:

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