

# Research consent form: #GlobalCitizens

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child has 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, as parent of guardian, for the participation of your child.

**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 32 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, and the researcher will not be able to identify participants. Instead, each child will be given an identification number on the interviewer’s sheet which cannot be traced back to the participant. Basic information such as age, year group and ethnicity will be asked for the purpose of demographic diversity. However, submission of these details are all optional.

**Risks & Benefits:** There are no risks to your child’s 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- your child will be part of this exciting research.

**Freedom to Withdraw or Refuse Participation:** You and your child have the right to withdraw 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 am 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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## Summary- What you are agreeing to:

I agree to:

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

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

## Informed Consent Statement

### Parent/Guardian

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

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Email:

Date:

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### Participant

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:

Date:

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