

Research: #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 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 of 26 multiple choice and open questions to answer, with additional space for any other comments. This questionnaire will be conducted online and sent to you via email once you and your parent/guardian have signed the consent form. The consent form will be sent to you via email prior to the questionnaire.

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 on to 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.

If, with consent from your parent/guardian, you would like to participate or have any further questions then please email Madeleine at mlb85@bath.ac.uk

I hope to hear from you,

Dr Madeleine Le Bourdon

