

Consent Form for Parents

Youth's perceptions towards the planning of the future 'smart city'.



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Study title	Youth's perceptions towards the planning of the future 'smart city'. Engaging, connecting and empowering the roles of young citizens in the planning of cities in Europe.
Summary of the project	The research aims to appraise the perceptions of young citizens (15-19 years of age) towards 'smart city' developments in your city. The research will evaluate how such perceptions hinder or enable cases of design of urban spaces. The project will compare several cities in Spain, UK and Bulgaria focusing on young people's role in the planning system. It will examine how new technologies are changing the way we design our cities.
Voluntary participation	The young person's participation is voluntary and at any point you or they have the right to withdraw consent.
Participation	You are invited to consent as you are the legal guardian of a minor (under 16 years of age) who has been invited to take part in the research online, via a survey or interview.
Whether participation is voluntary	Participation is entirely voluntary and non-participation will have no adverse effect to you or the participant. You are asked to sign this form as you are the legal guardian to a minor. Their consent will also be needed for them to participate in the research.
Space for participants to consent to participate in different ways	By signing this form after reading the accompanying Information Sheet you indicate that: <input type="checkbox"/> You have read and understood the information sheet; <input type="checkbox"/> You have had the opportunity to ask questions (contact details are provided); <input type="checkbox"/> You understand that participation is entirely voluntary and the minor, of whom you are a legal guardian to, will have to agree to participate as well; <input type="checkbox"/> You agree as a legal guardian for the minor to take part; <input type="checkbox"/> You understand that you have the right to withdraw at any stage of the study without prejudice and you understand the practical restrictions to withdrawing data; * <input type="checkbox"/> You understand their right to anonymity/confidentiality (for example where anonymous quotes will be used in reports and papers).
Participant Autonomy (Disclosure)	<input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have discussed issues of confidentiality and disclosure with the young person, whose legal guardian I am.
Researcher	The researcher observes Birmingham City University ethics. The researcher is also bound by the Royal Institute of British Architects and the Royal Town Planning Institute's Codes of Conduct.

* Should you choose to withdraw in the future, the collected data will be disposed in a secure manner. The research project is scheduled to run until 2022. In certain cases, withdrawal of data past that date might not be possible, due to it being analysed and published. In cases of focus groups, surveys and other group data collections methods, individual data might be impossible to isolate. At every point your data will be treated confidentially, and no identifiable data will be utilised, unless your permissions state otherwise.

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Website and social media of the project: (TBC)

Signature: _____

Date: