

Consent Form to Professionals

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



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Study title	Youth's perceptions and participation in the co-production 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, engagement and level of knowledge of young citizens (15-19 years of age) towards 'smart city' developments in key urban areas in the European context and evaluate how such perceptions hinder or enable cases of co-production of urban spaces. The project aims to compare cases of innovative youth engagement within planning practices and strategies of co-production of space in the examined cities and situate those in the context of smart/digital agendas and planning theories of participation.
Voluntary participation	Your participation is voluntary and at any point you have the right to withdraw from the research.
Participation	You are invited to participate, as your professional line of work is of relevance to the research project. (e.g. you work in a planning body, in youth development, in smart city consultancy, etc.)
Whether participation is voluntary	Participation is entirely voluntary and non-participation will have no adverse effect to you. You are asked to sign this form as have been approached in respect to your professional line of work.
Space for participants to consent to participate in different ways	<p>By signing this form after reading the accompanying Information Sheet you indicate that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><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;<input type="checkbox"/> You agree 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 your right to anonymity/confidentiality (for example where anonymous quotes will be used in reports and papers).
Participant Autonomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> I wish for my name and organisation to be named in the research. (voluntary opt-in) *<input type="checkbox"/> I agree to be audio recorded for transcription purposes only. (voluntary opt-in)
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: