

Consent Form for Young People

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 and engagement 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 the design of urban spaces. The project will compare your views and ideas with those of young people across four other cities across the UK, Spain and Bulgaria.
Voluntary participation	Your participation is voluntary and at any point you have the right to withdraw from the research and withdraw your data.
An invitation to participate	You are invited to take part in this research, as you have been identified within the age range of interest to the research (15-19 years of age).
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. Your legal guardian (if you are under the age of 18) will be asked to sign a similar form consenting your participation.
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 rights to anonymity/confidentiality (for example where anonymous quotes will be used in reports and papers).
Participant Autonomy (Disclosure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I confirm that I have discussed issues of confidentiality and disclosure with my legal guardian < or > <input type="checkbox"/> I confirm, I am 18 years of age or older; <input type="checkbox"/> I wish for my name to be disclosed in the research data and publications, crediting my participation. (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 collection 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:

Signature: _____

Date: _____