

Engaging with Local Democracy

Participant Information Sheet

Welcome, and thank you for considering taking part in this online survey.

Before you decide we would like you to understand why the student is undertaking the research and what it would involve. Please contact one of the investigators using the contact details below if you have any questions.

The project aims to explore the attitudes and experiences that Young Adults have around their local government in order to design a solution that provides a better experience and increases engagement with local politics.

This study is part of a student research project supported by Loughborough University. Ben Blyth is undertaking this study and Dr Chris Parker supervises.

We will ask you to complete an anonymous online survey, which should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. You do not need to do anything before completing the survey. By taking part, you will contribute to developing the design solutions and help identify areas for improvement. As this is an online survey, it is a low-risk activity. Loughborough University Ethics Approvals (Human Participants) Sub-Committee confirms there are no disadvantages or risks associated with participating.

You must be over the age of 18 and have the capacity to understand and consent to this research fully. This project is looking for views around voting and local government from 18-24 year olds, living in the UK.

Loughborough University will be using information/data from you to undertake this study. It will act as the data controller for this study. This means that the University is responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. We will not collect any identifiable personal information, so your participation in the study will be confidential. The student will use your anonymised data in logbooks, reports, and posters relating to the project and within the student's design portfolio. **No individual will be identifiable in any report, presentation, or publication.** Loughborough University's computer systems will securely store all information will be securely stored on. The student will retain anonymised data until the final project marks have been verified, expected October 2021.

After you have read this information - and asked any questions you may have - please read the consent page and confirm your consent. You can confirm your consent by checking the tick box at the beginning of the survey. You can withdraw from the survey at any time by closing the browser. However, as the survey is anonymous, you cannot withdraw your data from the study once you have submitted the survey.

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What if I am unhappy with how the research was conducted?

If you are not happy with how the research was conducted, please contact the Secretary of the Ethics Approvals (Human Participants) Sub-Committee, Research & Enterprise Office, Hazlerigg Building, Loughborough University, Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3TU. Tel: 01509 222423. Email: researchpolicy@lboro.ac.uk

The University also has policies relating to Research Misconduct and Whistle Blowing which are available online at <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/committees/ethics-approvals-human-participants/additionalinformation/codesofpractice/>.

If you require any further information regarding the General Data Protection Regulations, please see: <https://www.lboro.ac.uk/privacy/research-privacy/>