

STUDY INFORMATION SHEET

Title of project: Perceptions of pleasant and unpleasant images

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. If there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information, please ask us. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. Thank you for reading this.

What is the purpose of this study?

The current project aims to investigate perceptions of different pleasant and unpleasant images.

Who is organising this study?

This study is organised by Professor Frank Pollick.

What will happen to me if I take part?

Before the beginning of the study you will be asked to sign a consent form and fill in a short questionnaire asking you questions about your handedness. During the study you will be watching images on a computer monitor and you will be asked to rate how pleasant/unpleasant and how surprising you find the images. The images will include scenes of nudity, nude couples, violence or bodily harm. To ensure you are ok with viewing these types of images, before the beginning of the experiment you will be presented with some samples of the types of images you will see. If after viewing these examples, or at any stage of the experiment, you wish to end your participation you are free to do so and will be compensated for your time spent.

We will also be placing electrodes on different areas of your face and on the inside of your hand to look at changes in your skin temperature. The procedure of electrode placement is painless (though it may occasionally give rise to a slight feeling of discomfort). These electrodes will be connected to a computer which will measure your skin responses. You will be asked to sit still during the entire measurement, since movements will interfere with getting accurate data. The entire procedure will take approximately 90-120 minutes including breaks.

What are the possible risks/side effects of taking part?

In relation to the electrode recordings, there are no foreseeable risks or side effects associated with these recordings.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

We will reimburse you for your time and you will have the pleasure knowing that you have made a contribution to the advancement of research.

What happens at the end of the study?

The results of this study may be published in a journal or used for teaching purposes. The results may also be presented at scientific meetings, or in talks at academic institutions. Results will always be presented in such a way that data from individual volunteers cannot be identified.

Confidentiality – who will have access to the data?

All digital data will be stored securely on a password protected online repository. Physical data will be stored in locked filing cabinets within the Glasgow University, Institute of Neuroscience and Psychology. The researcher collecting and analysing the data and the researcher's supervisor will be the only persons authorised to access the data. Furthermore, your anonymity will be assured by only referring to a subject code during data analysis and storage.

What will happen to the study results?

In accordance with good research practice, the results will be kept securely for a minimum of 10 years.

Will I receive a financial compensation?

Yes. You will receive £6 per hour for your participation in the study.

Can I ask questions about the research project?

Yes. We will answer all questions you may have that are related to the research project to which you agree to participate (see contact details below).

Can I withdraw from the study?

Yes. Your participation in this research project is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the research at any time and for any reason, without explaining why. You will receive financial compensation, pro-rata of the time you have spent.

Can the investigators interrupt the study?

The research may be interrupted by the researchers at any time, and for several possible reasons such as new requirements for the selection of participants, for example. You will receive your financial compensation, pro-rata of the time you have spent in the experiment.

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Thank you for considering taking part in this study. Our research depends entirely on the goodwill of potential volunteers such as you. If you require any further information, we will be pleased to help you in any way we can.