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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET FOR INTERVIEWS ON DESIGN DECISION-MAKING

You are invited to take part in PhD research on design decision-making, by being interviewed about how you make design decisions related to sustainability. You are eligible to participate due to your role as a product designer working on a sustainable design project.

The interview

Interviews will be held online or by phone and will be recorded. You will be asked questions about how decisions are made in your sustainable design work, and about the context of your role. The interview will not cover sensitive topics and there is no known risk of harm associated with this research. Your participation is entirely voluntary. You do not have to answer all the questions, and you may stop the interview at any time. The interview is expected to take around 45 minutes.

How will the interview be used?

The conversation will be transcribed word for word, in order to analyse what is said and gain insights into design decision-making.

Confidentiality, anonymity and security of data

Transcripts will be anonymised soon after data collection, for example to remove any identifiable references to names of people, products or organisations. Data will be stored securely on the University of Edinburgh servers and will only be accessed by the researcher and colleagues. Extracts of anonymised data may be included in published work. Fully anonymised data may be stored indefinitely by the UK Data Service.

Consent

All individuals recorded must consent to their data being used for research purposes. At the start of the interview, you will be asked to verbally respond to the following questions: *Have you read and understood the participant information sheet? Have you got permission from your employer or manager to take part in this interview, if relevant? Are you happy for the recording to be analysed for research purposes, and for anonymised quotes to be used in publications? Are you ok with the anonymised transcript of our conversation being stored by the UK Data Service/equivalent to potentially be used by other researchers in future?*

You have the right to withdraw consent at any time during the study, and for up to two weeks after the time of data collection. Email liz.cooper@ed.ac.uk if you wish to withdraw consent for the use of some or all of the data provided.

Contacts

Please get in touch by email if you have any questions at any time. If you would like to be informed about the findings of this research in future, let me know by email. Many thanks for your participation!

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This study has received ethics approval from the University of Edinburgh's School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences Research Ethics Committee, reference number 324-1920/1 (29/05/20).