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Consent Form - Confidential data

I understand that my participation in this project will involve taking part in an online focus group to discuss new forms of renewable energy. The focus group will involve discussing topics with around 7 other people, and responding to information provided by the research team. The focus group will be recorded using Zoom.

I understand that participation in this study is entirely voluntary and that I can withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason and with no repercussions. I understand that I am free to ask any questions at any time or discuss my concerns with the researchers, whose contact details have been provided. I understand that I can contact the School of Psychology Ethics Committee in the event of any complaints: psychethics@cardiff.ac.uk

The data from the interview will be fully anonymised, so that I can’t be identified. I agree that the anonymised data may be used in discussion with other researchers and in any ensuing presentations, reports or publications, as well as in future teaching activities. The recording will be written up (‘transcribed’) in a fully anonymous way, and the transcripts will be archived.

I understand that the information provided by me will be held confidentially, such that only the research team can trace this information back to me individually.

I understand that I can ask for the information I provide to be deleted/destroyed at any time (notwithstanding that some material may have already been used in publications/conferences) and, in accordance with the Data Protection Act, I can have access to the information at any time up until 2026.

**I have been provided with sufficient information on the project to give *informed* consent to take part in the workshop.**

I, **(PRINT NAME)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ consent to participate in the study conducted by Conor John and Steve Westlake, School of Psychology, Cardiff University.

Signed:

Date:

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Consent Form – Participant Database

I understand that the researchers would like to be able to keep in touch after the interview, in case they need clarification about something which was said, or to invite participants to a paid follow-up interview. I understand that the researchers cannot contact me, including to send me the results and outcomes of the research, unless this part of the consent form is signed.

I am willing for my name and contact details to be held in a list (database) so that I may be contacted in future to be asked further questions or clarifications, and so that the researchers may share the outcomes of the research.

I understand that this list will be used only for the purpose described here and will not be made available to anyone beyond those agreed below, and that my contact details will be deleted at the end of the project.

I understand that I am under no obligation to answer any further questions or requests for follow-up interviews.

I understand that I may remove my name from the list at any time by emailing Conor John (johnch@cardiff.ac.uk), or by replying to any e-mails I receive.

Preferred contact method: (please complete all that apply)

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I do not wish to be contacted again

I, **(PRINT NAME)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ consent to enter my contact details onto the list held by Conor John and Steve Westlake, School of Psychology, Cardiff University.

Signed:

Date:

**Privacy Notice:**

The information provided on the consent form will be held in compliance with GDPR regulations. Cardiff University is the data controller and James Merrifield is the data protection officer ([merrifieldj1@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:merrifieldj1@cardiff.ac.uk)). This information is being collected by Conor John. This information will be held securely and separately from the research information you provide. Only the researcher will have access to this form and it will be destroyed after 7 years. The lawful basis for processing this information is public interest.