



Participant Project Information & Consent Form

(One signed copy of this form should be retained by the Participant and one copy by the Project Researcher)

MA1 Service Design 2022-23: Final Independent Research Project

For further information:

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Dear Potential Participant,

We are Youngin Park, Shivani Yadav, Xiaoyi Liu, *students* in the MA Service Design course at the Royal College of Art. As part of our studies, we are conducting a research project on Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). You are invited to participate in this research project which explores how design can promote better sexual health and well-being by preventing the spread of STIs.

If you consent to participate, this will involve:

- Online or in person interview
- Agreement for us to voice record the interview.

Participation is entirely voluntary. You can withdraw at any time up to the point of project completion date, 14 September 2023. There will be no disadvantage if you decide not to complete the study and the data collected from you will be removed upon withdrawal. Please email one of our project researchers for participation withdrawal and no explanation is required.

All information collected will be confidential. The connection between your participation with this project and the data will not be revealed at any point. All information gathered will be stored securely on external drives. Once the information has been analysed, all individual information will be destroyed by the project completion date.

During interviews, you do not have to reveal any information that you feel uncomfortable to share, and you may skip any questions you do not wish to answer. Interview questions will be sent out to you for review in advance along this consent form by one of our project researchers.

Images or quotes, which may allow you to be identified will only be used with your express permission.

If you have any concerns or would like to know the outcome of this project, please contact the project researchers (listed above) at the above email address.

Thank you for your interest.

I have read the information above and all queries have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to voluntarily participate in this research and give my consent freely. I understand that I can withdraw my participation from the project up until the 14th September 2023, without penalty, and do not have to give any reason for withdrawing.

I understand that all information gathered will be stored securely, and my opinions will be accurately represented. All personal data collected will be deleted by the 14th September 2023. Any data in which I can be clearly identified will be used in the public domain only with my consent.

Participant Signature.....

Researcher Signature.....

Date:

Complaints Procedure:

This project follows the guidelines laid out by the Royal College of Art Research Ethics Policy.

If you have any questions, please speak with the researcher. If you have any concerns or a complaint about the manner in which this research is conducted, please contact the Taught Student Ethics Committee by emailing tse@rca.ac.uk or by sending a letter addressed to:

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