

## Edinburgh Napier University Research Consent Form

### **Creatives in Crisis: How freelance creatives mobilise online communities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Edinburgh Napier University requires that all persons who participate in research studies give their written consent to do so. Please read the following and sign it if you agree with what it says.

1. I freely and voluntarily consent to be a participant in the research project on the topic of the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on freelance creatives to be conducted by Dr Holly Patrick, who is a staff member at Edinburgh Napier University.
2. The broad goal of this research study is to understand the impact of the pandemic on the work of freelance creatives, and to explore the extent to which online communities can be mobilised in response. Specifically, I have been asked to take part in a video interview, which should take no longer than 1 hour to complete.
3. I have been told that my responses will be anonymised. My name will not be linked with the research materials, and I will not be identified or identifiable in any report subsequently produced by the researcher. I have also been informed that if I do want to be identified in the findings, this will be accommodated wherever possible.
4. I also understand that if at any time during the interview I feel unable or unwilling to continue, I am free to leave. That is, my participation in this study is completely voluntary, and I may withdraw from it without negative consequences. However, after data has been anonymised or after publication of results it will not be possible for my data to be removed as it would be untraceable at this point.
5. In addition, should I not wish to answer any particular question or questions, I am free to decline.
6. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the interview and about the project, and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.
7. I have read and understand the above and consent to participate in this study. My signature is not a waiver of any legal rights. Furthermore, I understand that I will be able to keep a copy of the informed consent form for my records.

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Participant's Signature

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Date

I have explained and defined in detail the research procedure in which the respondent has consented to participate. Furthermore, I will retain one copy of the informed consent form for my records.

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Researcher's Signature

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Date