



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET [SURVEY]

Enhancing education, employment and training 'in' and 'through' sport in a post-covid landscape.

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This information sheet forms part of the process of informed consent. It should give you a clear understanding of what the research is about and what your participation will involve. Please read this information sheet carefully and contact one of the researchers named above if you are unsure about any of the project details.

1. What is the purpose of the project:

Working in collaboration with The Sport for Development Coalition, the aim of the research is to assess and strengthen the contribution that sport for development can make in response to the employment challenges exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. The research will seek to further understanding on how sport-based interventions support employability and skill development outcomes in young people not in employment, education or training (NEET), and compare sport to other non-formal education approaches (e.g. art, drama, dance or music-based programmes).

2. Why have I been selected to take part? [or Who can be a participant?]

We are inviting you to take part in this study as you and your organisation has been identified as an invested member of the employability and skills development sector, with extensive experience in the design and/or delivery of non-formal education policies and initiatives (sport-based or otherwise) aimed at marginalised (NEET) youth populations. You should only consent to take part in this project if you are happy to proceed on this basis.

3. Do I have to take part?

Participation in the research is entirely voluntary. It is therefore completely up to you to decide if you would like to take part. Before making a decision, ensure to take the time to consider this information carefully and contact us if you have any questions or concerns. If you agree to take part, we ask that you tick the relevant box on the survey to provide your consent to be a participant in the research. If at any time you decide you no longer wish to take part in the survey you are free to withdraw, without giving a reason. Please be aware, that once you have submitted your survey responses, we are unable to withdraw them from the research.

4. What will I be asked to do?

We are inviting you to complete an online survey which is designed to obtain your perceptions, knowledge and experiences in relation to youth employability and the contribution of sport participation in achieving this. The survey is estimated to take 10-15 minutes to complete and there are no right or wrong responses – we simply intend to obtain your perspectives on the topics listed above.

5. Are there reasons why I should not take part?

You should only agree to take part in the research if you identify as someone with extensive knowledge and experience of working within the youth employability and skills development sector in either a strategic or front-line role. You must be over 18 to take part, comfortable to reflect upon the topics listed above, and capable of providing your voluntary informed consent independently.

6. What are the possible benefits of taking part?

There are no direct benefits of taking part in the project. However, the information that you and other participants provide will be used to help strengthen the contribution of sport-based intervention programmes aimed at enhancing the employability and skill development of marginalised (NEET) youth populations and potentially to broader social outcomes. The final research report will be publicly available and circulated among the Sport for Development Coalition network giving you the opportunity to engage with the research findings.

7. What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

There are no disadvantages to taking part in this project. If there is a question on the survey that you do not wish to answer, you can choose not to. You are also free to withdraw from the research at any time without detriment to your relationship with the Sport for Development Coalition or the University of Bath.

8. Will my participation involve any discomfort or embarrassment?

We do not expect you to feel any discomfort or embarrassment if you take part in the project. You will not be pressurised to answer questions and there are no right or wrong responses to the survey questions.

9. Who will have access to the information that I provide?

Only the research team will have access to information that you provide (e.g. consent forms and survey responses). All responses are anonymous, and they will be aggregated with responses from other participants in the research to inform the research findings and subsequent publications. All other data will be stored confidentially.

10. What will happen to the data collected and results of the project?

All data collected during the project including personal, identifiable data will be treated as confidential and stored in a password protected file on the University of Bath's secure server (X:drive). The storage of data will be done in accordance with current UK data protection legislation and the University's data management procedures. Recorded data will be kept for a minimum of 10 years before being securely destroyed. Identifying information will not be disclosed in any presentation or publication of the research.

After the project has finished, a research report and policy brief will be submitted to the Sport for Development Coalition. No personal or identifiable information will be contained in this report or any academic publications that stem from the research.

11. Who has reviewed the project?

This project has been given a favourable opinion by the University of Bath, Research Ethics Approval Committee for Health (REACH) [reference: EP-21/22-112].

12. How can I withdraw from the project?

If you wish to stop participating after consenting to take part, you can inform one of us in person, email or telephone. You can withdraw from the project at any time without providing a reason and without the risk of any repercussions. However, once you have completed and submitted the survey it will not be possible to withdraw the data.

13. University of Bath privacy notice

The University of Bath privacy notice can be found here:

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/university-of-bath-privacy-notice-for-research-participants/>.

14. What happens if there is a problem?

If you have a concern about any aspect of the project please speak to us and we will do our best to answer any questions. If we are unable to resolve your concern, or you wish to make a complaint regarding the project, please contact the Chair of the Research Ethics Approval Committee for Health:

Professor James Betts;

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15. If I require further information who should I contact and how?

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet and consider your involvement in the study. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you would like some more information.

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