**Participation Information sheet**

*From Perceptions to Use: Stakeholder’s Contributions to a Global Consultation Process*

**Your invitation to be part of this research project**

The researcher invites you to be part of an on-going research project between Open Lab, Newcastle University and the International Federation Red Cross Red Crescent (IFRC), which aims to understand how you perceived and valuable your participation in the recent Strategy 2030 campaign (e.g. a global consultation process). It is important for you to understand why this research is being carried out, why you have been asked to be involved, and how your involvement (and the data that is produced) will be processed and used by the researcher and the IFRC. Please take your time to read the following information carefully, and when you are happy to be involved sign and return the provided consent form.

**What is the purpose of this research?**

This research is being conducted to understand the role of technology in digital, global consultation processes and how we can refine and improve these processes so that participants involved is as meaningful and impactful as possible. To explore this, we have run the previous [Strategy 2030 campaign](https://future-rcrc.com/) using a bespoke digital platform (TalkFutures) and more familiar technologies (email, WhatsApp).

**What is involved in taking part of this research?**

You are invited to be interviewed about your experiences and involvement in the digital Strategy 2030 campaign where you may have been involved in one or several roles (Innovation Correspondent, Research Assistant and Communication Assistant). We would like to learn about and understand your perspective on how you felt the process was, how you think your contributions were used and the value of those for strategy 2030. We will also take this as an opportunity to discuss the technologies that you used during this process. During this interview, short excerpts from the audio interviews or other material (comments, etc.) you created may be used (if you agree to this in the consent form) to guide discussions during the interview. The researcher will contact you to check your availability to schedule the interview and to confirm that you wish to continue to be involved in these activities.

**Do I have to take part?**

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part, you will be given this information sheet to keep, and be asked to sign a consent form to confirm that you have agreed to take part. You are free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

**Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?**

All information that is collected during the course of this research will be kept strictly confidential, and will be stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, secured against unauthorised access.

**What will happen to the results of the research study?**

The results of this research will be used as part of a research thesis, which will be written-up and made available online for anyone to download. If you would like a copy of the results, this can be sent to you when the research is complete. You will not be identified in any way through research publication, as all names will be anonymised for publication. The data collected as part of this research will be retained for **10 years**, in line with current university funding policies. If you are happy to take part in this research, please sign and date a consent form to confirm.

**Contact for further information**

If you have any questions about this research, please contact the following collaborators:

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***Thank you for taking your time to read this information sheet!***

***Please keep a form for your records.***