

Participant Information Sheet for Adults

Repair Journey

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You are invited to take part in a research project. Before you decide whether or not you would like to participate it is important that you read the information provided below. This will help you to understand why and how the research is being carried out and what participation will involve. Please let the researcher who gave you this information know if anything is unclear or you have any questions.

Who is conducting the research?

Felipe Schmidt Fonseca is conducting this research as part of his PhD studies at the Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, University of Dundee. His e-mail address is Fschmidtfonseca001@dundee.ac.uk. Felipe's supervisors in the University are Mel Woods (m.j.woods@dundee.ac.uk) and Nick Taylor (n.x.taylor@dundee.ac.uk). The research is based at DJCAD's Research Studio, 5th floor Matthew Building, 13 Perth Road, Dundee DD1 4HT.

Who is funding the research?

The research is funded by Horizon 2020 EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

What is the purpose of the research?

The research will investigate in what ways can materials that are broken, obsolete or otherwise inadequate be repaired, adapted or transformed in urban contexts. In particular, the study expects to understand how the value of an object is perceived in different situations. It is part of a wider research project investigating alternatives for handling discarded materials in the city. You will be a central part of this exercise by sharing your experience on how materials can be transformed locally.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You have been invited to take part following your expression of interest in this exercise.

Do I have to take part?

No. Your participation is completely voluntary. You can opt not to participate right now, or even ask your participation to be removed at a later point with no penalty at all, and without a need to justify your removal (within the duration of the research project, expected to finish on 30/06/2022). Should you like your participation to be removed, please contact the researcher via e-mail on Fschmidtfonseca001@dundee.ac.uk.



What will happen if I take part?

The study will start as an open meeting via internet hosted by the researcher. The meeting will last approximately two hours including a presentation of the research project and the objectives of this study, as well as allowing time for open discussion on related topics. Those who choose to participate in the study will then be asked to start a repair diary of one object that is either broken, malfunctioning or inadequate. Each participant will be able to choose the object their diary will focus on. It can be an object they are interested in exploring currently, or some notable experience they have had in the past. During those two weeks, participants will be asked to reflect upon the value of the object, in what ways it can be made usable and how easy it is to repair or repurpose it. Stories of failed attempts are as relevant as successful ones.

By the end of the two weeks of exploration we will meet online once again for a closing workshop. During the workshop, participants will be asked to report how their journeys went, as well as to discuss what would need to be changed in the city to make the reuse of materials easier, more effective and more enjoyable. The main goal of the closing workshop is to understand what should be different in cities to allow society to reuse more of the materials they discard. Additionally, some participants will be invited to take part voluntarily in personal interviews.

Are there any risks in taking part?

In the case you plan to repair or transform the objects yourself, please follow the advice provided in the attached Safety Advice sheet.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

You are taking part in a creative exercise that will open up possibilities for reusing many types of objects in your daily life. You are also likely to meet other people interested in such matters. By participating in this research, you will also help inform future policies and municipal infrastructure that enable society to better use the materials in cities.

Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?

Your name and contact information will only be handled by the researcher and stored separately from other data generated during the exercise. The contents of your project diary, as well as images or videos of the object you performed the journey with and documentation of the final workshop, may be featured for research purposes – with no mention of your name or contact details - in outputs such as articles, papers, maps, diagrams, open online datasets, the researcher's PhD thesis and other lawful uses.

What will happen to the information I provide?

The raw research data (such as audio recordings, images of the closing workshop, of personal interviews, and of your repair diary) will be stored in the researcher's individual academic account of the University of Dundee's file sharing service for the duration of the project until 30/06/2022, and a copy will be kept in his individual laptop provided and managed by the University of Dundee during the same period. If you request the removal of your data, it will be permanently deleted both from the researcher's laptop and his cloud storage account. Anonymised quotes and excerpts, images and videos, as well as analyses of the research data – either literal or paraphrased – may be reused in outputs such as articles, papers, maps, diagrams, open online datasets, the researcher's PhD thesis and other lawful uses. You will be able to access the research outputs through Discovery, the University of Dundee's online repository, or request the researcher to share with you any research outcomes once they are produced.

Data Protection

The personal data that will be collected and processed in this study are your name and contact details, as well as demographic data such as age group, level of education and employment status.

The University asserts that it is lawful for it to process your personal data in this project as the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.

The University of Dundee is the data controller for the personal and/or special categories of personal data processed in this project.

The University respects your rights and preferences in relation to your data and if you wish to update, access, erase, or limit the use of your information, please let us know by emailing Felipe Schmidt Fonseca: FSchmidtfonseca001@dundee.ac.uk. Please note that some of your rights may be limited where personal data is processed for research and when information has already been featured in research outputs such as articles, papers and others, but we are happy to discuss that with you. If you wish to complain about the use of your information please contact the University's Data Protection Officer in the first instance (email: dataprotection@dundee.ac.uk). You may also wish to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

You can find more information about the ways that personal data is used at the University at: <https://www.dundee.ac.uk/information-governance/dataprotection/>.

Is there someone else I can complain to?

If you wish to complain about the way the research has been conducted please contact the Convener of the University Research Ethics Committee (<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/research/ethics/contacts/>).

Alternative formats

Alternative formats of the Participant Information Sheet and Informed Consent Sheet are available upon request.