

## **Participant Information Sheet For Organisational Representatives (online survey)**

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### **YOU WILL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION SHEET**

**Title of Study: Climate justice and disability justice research project**

**Department: Epidemiology and Public Health**

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#### **1. Invitation Paragraph**

You are being invited to take part in a research project. This is a collaborative project between OSF and UCL and OSF is the main sponsor. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. If anything is not clear, or you would like more information, please contact us. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. Thank you for reading this.

#### **2. What is the project's purpose?**

Climate change, arguably the greatest challenge of this era, has profound implications for human rights and disproportionately affects those who are already vulnerable and disadvantaged. The aim of this project is to identify: 1) how organisations working with people with disabilities address issues of climate justice; and 2) how climate-focused organisations address disability issues.

#### **3. Why have I been chosen?**

You have been chosen because of your professional experience. The views that you will be asked to give will be your own, not as an official representative of your organisation. For this component of the research study, approximately 100 people will be invited to respond. A further 30 individuals will be invited to take part in a semi-structured interview to gather in-depth information about organisational practices around disability and climate justice.

#### **4. 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 able to download the information sheet to keep (or you can request a copy by email). You can withdraw at any time without giving a reason and we will not use the information that you have shared with us. We will take the submission of the completed survey as your consent and after this point you will not be able to withdraw your data.

#### **5. What will happen to me if I take part?**

If you decide to take part in this research, you will continue to complete the survey (which will take 10-15 minutes). The survey consists of short answers and longer descriptive answers. Your consent will be inferred when you submit the completed survey and you will not be able to change or withdraw the information that you have given. We may wish to contact you to take part in a longer, more in-depth interview which will be done over the phone or by Teams. You can choose whether or not you would like to be contacted for this at the end of the survey, and if you agree, you will be asked to provide your email address.

#### **6. What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

We do not foresee any risks to participating in this research. However, any unexpected disadvantages or distress should be brought to our attention immediately using the contact details above.

**7. What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

Whilst there are no direct benefits to taking part in this research, it is hoped that results will contribute to understanding of the linkages between disability and climate justice in organisations' practices and help shape future research and understanding regarding how people with disabilities are impacted by climate change.

**8. What if something goes wrong?**

If you have any complaints about the research project you should contact Professor Nora Groce at the email above. However, if you feel that your complaint has not been handled properly, or if you have a serious concern about your treatment or other serious issue about the research (during or following your participation), you can contact the Chair of the UCL Research Ethics Committee – [ethics@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ethics@ucl.ac.uk)

**9. Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?**

All the information that we collect about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. Confidential/personal information will not be shared with OSF. You will not be able to be identified in any ensuing reports or publications.

**10. Limits to confidentiality**

Confidentiality will be strictly adhered to unless evidence of wrongdoing or potential harm is uncovered. In such cases the University may be obliged to contact relevant statutory bodies/agencies.

**11. What will happen to the results of the research project?**

Data collected from this survey will contribute to a research report on the linkages between climate justice and disability, and will also be published as a journal article. These will be emailed on request. Data from the survey will be stored for the duration of the project and will then be securely destroyed.

**12. Local Data Protection Privacy Notice**

**Notice:**

The controller for this project will be University College London (UCL). The UCL Data Protection Officer provides oversight of UCL activities involving the processing of personal data, and can be contacted at [data-protection@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:data-protection@ucl.ac.uk)

This 'local' privacy notice sets out the information that applies to this particular study. Further information on how UCL uses participant information can be found in our 'general' privacy notice:

For participants in research studies, click [here](#)

The information that is required to be provided to participants under data protection legislation (GDPR and DPA 2018) is provided across both the 'local' and 'general' privacy notices.

The categories of personal data used will be as follows:

Organisation, location

The lawful basis that would be used to process your *personal data* will be performance of a task in the public interest.

The lawful basis used to process *special category personal data* will be for scientific and historical research or statistical purposes.

*Your personal data (organisation only) will be processed so long as it is required for the duration of the research project.* If we are able to anonymise or pseudonymise the personal data you provide in this case, your organisation only and location, we will undertake this, and will endeavour to minimise the processing of personal data wherever possible.

If you are concerned about how your personal data is being processed, or if you would like to contact us about your rights, please contact UCL in the first instance at [data-protection@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:data-protection@ucl.ac.uk).

***Data will only be shared with researchers for the project, including outside of the EEA (USA). While no personal data will be gathered and shared other than your organisation as representative of your organization, secure and appropriate channels will be still be put in place.***

### **13. Who is organising and funding the research?**

This project is being sponsored by the Open Society Foundation. Dr Maria Kett is participating as part of a group of international scholars and advocates lending their expertise to this project on a voluntary basis.

This survey will ask about your opinions and experience of disability and climate justice.

### **14. Contact for further information**

For further information, you can contact Dr Maria Kett ([m.kett@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:m.kett@ucl.ac.uk))

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**Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering taking part in this research study.**