

Invitation / Information Sheet

Research Project Title

Codesigning Support Solutions for Victims of Cyberstalking and Abuse: reclaiming privacy and safety on the Internet of Things

What is the purpose of the study?

We invite you to take part in a research project that aims to understand the threats that novel technologies may pose to victims of domestic abuse. We are focussing on technology-enabled forms of staking and abuse, as well as what can be done to provide better support to victims going through this.

Why have you been asked to take part?

You have been asked to take part in this study because you are a professional with experience in dealing with cases of domestic abuse.

Who is performing the study?

The researcher's name is Roxanne Leitão. She is undertaking her PhD studies at the University of the Arts London. The supervisory team includes Dr. Matt Malpass and Prof. Lorraine Gamman.

What will you be asked to do?

We will ask you to participate in a one-to-one interview with the researcher. The interview will be video recorded, so the researcher can later analyse the recording, instead of taking extensive notes during the interview.

All the information will be anonymised so that you cannot be linked back to it.

Where and when will this take place?

The interview will either take place at Central Saint Martins in King's Cross (London) or at the headquarters of the charity that has contacted you, before the end of 2017. If you choose to participate, we will organise a time and date that is most convenient for you.

How often and for how long?

The interview will last about 1 hour. There will only be one interview. Once the researcher has analysed the interview and summarised the results, these will be sent back to you so you can review them and let her know if anything was misinterpreted.

What kind of questions will we ask?

We will ask questions about your professional experience in supporting victims of domestic abuse.

When can I discuss my participation?

You can contact the researcher if you are interested in finding out more about the study r.leitao@csm.arts.ac.uk. She will be happy to discuss it with you and provide more information.

After this, if you choose to participate, there will be a briefing session, before the interview

itself. You can choose to leave the study at any point and without giving explanation.

If you have any concerns about this research, please contact UAL Research Ethics: researchethics@arts.ac.uk.

Who will be responsible for the information?

The information will be securely stored and encrypted by the researcher, even after the study is over.

Who will have access to it?

Only the researcher, Roxanne Leitão, and her supervisors (Dr Matt Malpass, Prof Lorraine Gamman, and Dr Peter Hall) will have access to the data.

How will you use what you find out?

The findings will be used in a PhD project called “Codesigning Support Solutions for Victims of Cyberstalking and Abuse: reclaiming privacy and safety on the Internet of Things”. They may also be used in academic publications, presentations and reports.

Will anyone be able to connect me with what is recorded and reported?

The interview recordings will be anonymised. Nobody will be able to link you to the research.

How long is the whole study likely to last?

The interview will last an hour. It is part of a larger study that is likely to last a further 2 years.

Can I find out about the results of the study?

The results will be published on a website hosted by University of the Arts London. You will be given the address of the website after the interview.

What if I do not wish to take part or change my mind during the study?

Participating in this study is entirely voluntary. If you wish to participate you can get in

touch with the person who sent you this email, or email r.leitao@csm.arts.ac.uk. You can withdraw participation at any time, without giving reason. If you do decide to attend the interview, you can choose not to answer the questions, or even to end the interview without giving reason.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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