

Living Well: Energy Saving and Using Renewable Energy Sources within the Home

Attendee Information Sheet: Event Observation

This event is being observed as part of a research project.

The research project is looking at energy saving and using renewable energy sources within the home, and how this is contributing to society's ability to 'live well'.

✓ Written notes will be taken throughout the event by the researcher.

✗ No personal details will be captured by the researcher.

✗ No photos of people will be taken by the researcher.

✗ No video or audio recordings will be taken by the researcher.

About the research

➤ **Who will conduct the research?**

Elizabeth Lansell, a postgraduate researcher at the University of Manchester is carrying out this research project. Elizabeth works across geography, sociology and politics, and is particularly interested in where social wellbeing and environmental issues overlap.

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

Elizabeth's research project is exploring the work of organisations who help households to reduce their energy use and change to renewable energy sources. Elizabeth is interested to investigate how the energy transformation in the UK is contributing, more broadly, to our ability, as a society, to live well.

➤ **Will the outcomes of the research be published?**

The outcomes of the research will be used in a published Thesis. This research may also form the basis for Academic Journal Articles and associated materials such as Blogs and Presentations, as well as Social Media posts advertising these. No personal details will be included in any of these publications.

➤ **Who has reviewed the research project?**

This research project has been reviewed by the School of Environment Education and Development Ethics Committee at the University of Manchester.

What would my involvement be?

➤ **What do I need to do?**

You do not need to do anything other than attend the event as you normally would. No personal details are being recorded. Elizabeth will not actively be involved in the event, rather observe and take notes on a laptop to be used in analysis as part of the wider research project. No audio or video recordings will be made by the researcher.

➤ **Will I be compensated for taking part?**

Compensation is not available as part of this research.

➤ **What happens if I do not want to take part or if I change my mind?**

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do not wish for this event to be observed, please speak to the event organiser. You may ask the event organiser to ask Elizabeth to step out of the event at any point within the event.

Data Protection and Confidentiality

➤ **What information will you collect about me?**

No personal data is being collected by the researcher.

What if I have a complaint?

➤ **Contact details for complaints**

If you have a complaint that you wish to direct to members of the research team, please contact: **Professor Stefan Bouzarovski** stefan.bouzarovski@manchester.ac.uk , who is Elizabeth's main Supervisor.

If you wish to make a formal complaint to someone independent of the research team or if you are not satisfied with the response you have gained from the researchers in the first instance then please contact:

The Research Ethics Manager, Research Office, Christie Building, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL, by emailing: research.complaints@manchester.ac.uk or by telephoning 0161 306 8089.

If you wish to contact us about your data protection rights, please email dataprotection@manchester.ac.uk or write to The Information Governance Office, Christie Building, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, M13 9PL at the University and we will guide you through the process of exercising your rights.

You also have a right to complain to the [Information Commissioner's Office about complaints relating to your personal identifiable information](#) Tel 0303 123 1113

Contact Details

If you have any queries about the study, please talk to or contact the researcher:

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