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Participant Information

Social Running while Social distancing

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What is the study about?

We invite you to participate in an evaluation of a web application. The application focusses on bringing the running community together during the Covid 19 outbreak; a time of isolation for many individuals. The application provides a centralised location for users to create and compete in varying running challenges and earn points. Ultimately, the application is about motivating and inspiring individuals to continue interacting and socialising with other runners during a period of reduced social interaction.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You have been invited to take part in the evaluation because you are a runner.

Do I have to take part?

This information sheet has been written to help you decide if you would like to take part. It is up to you and you alone whether you wish to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be free to withdraw at any time without providing a reason, and with no negative consequences.

What would I be required to do?

You have been asked to use the application for a week. Periodically partaking in the challenges and uploading the necessary data to the platform.

Once you have interacted with the platform, you will complete an evaluation form that will take roughly 10 minutes. The questions will pertain to your thoughts regarding the overall platform structure.

Are there any risks associated with taking part?

Any comments uploaded to the application will be viewable by other users. Any data you upload, including GPS, photos and profile details will be visible to other users unless you set them to private.

Informed consent

It is important that you are able to give your informed consent before taking part in this study and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions in relation to the research before you provide your consent.

What information about me or recordings of me ('my data') will you be collecting?

You will be provided with an account. However, any data (GPS, photos) you upload to the application could be identifiable. The data you upload is completely your choice; you do not have to upload any data to the application.

All data collected in the questionnaire will be completely anonymous. No personal or demographic information requested. All questions will pertain to your experience with the application .

How will my data be securely stored, who will have access to it?

Your data will be stored in a **FULLY IDENTIFIABLE** form. Your data will be referred to by a unique reference (your assigned username) but any data that is uploaded will remain in its original form, including any personally identifiable data (e.g. photographs of yourself, or GPS starting/ending at your house).

You may choose to mark your data as 'private', in which case it will be accessible only to the researcher and supervisor. Any data not marked as private will be shared with all other participants of the evaluation. Your data will be stored on a secure School of Computer Science server.

How will my data be used, and in what form will it be shared further?

Your responses to the questionnaire will be analysed as part of the research study. If shared within my thesis, your data will be in an **ANONYMISED** form, which means that nobody could use any reasonably available means to identify you from the data.

It is expected that the project to which this research relates will be finalised by [August/2020].

When will my data be destroyed?

All data relating to the evaluation and application will be destroyed within 3 months of completion of the project, this includes final grading and any appeal process.

Will my participation be confidential?

No, any data uploaded to the application could be identifiable and viewed by other users of the application

Use of your personal data and data protection rights

The University of St Andrews (the 'Data Controller') is bound by the UK 2018 Data Protection Act and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which require a lawful basis for all processing of personal data (in this case it is the 'performance of a task carried out in the public interest' – namely, for research purposes) and an additional lawful basis for processing personal data containing special characteristics (in this case it is 'public interest research'). You have a range of rights under data protection legislation. For more information on data protection legislation and your rights visit <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/terms/data-protection/rights/>. For any queries, email dataprot@st-andrews.ac.uk.

As your data is anonymised, we will not be able to withdraw it after you submit the evaluation, because we will not know which data is yours.

Ethical Approvals

This research proposal has been scrutinised and subsequently granted ethical approval by the University of St Andrews Teaching and Research Ethics Committee.

What should I do if I have concerns about this study?

In the first instance, you are encouraged to raise your concerns with the researcher. However, if you do not feel comfortable doing so, then you should contact my Supervisor or School Ethics Contact (contact details below). A full outline of the procedures governed by the University Teaching and Research Ethics Committee is available at <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/research/integrity-ethics/humans/ethical-guidance/complaints/>.

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