PROJECT INFORMATION

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Project: “Designing inclusive tools for queer expression - For the community, By the community”

School of Computer Science Ethics Reference:

Purpose of the research.

Technology is widely used by queer people to express themselves, with varying results. Current queer technology use has been seen to detrimentally impact mental health and enable the continued oppression of marginalised groups.

Thus, the aim of this research is to establish a new model for participation of queer people in the design of technology.

By involving queer people in the design of technology they use, it is hoped their empowered input will mitigate and better deal with the current issues that queer people face when using existing technology.

Nature of participation. All participation is voluntary and will rely on data recorded at the study venues, plus any other data voluntarily provided by the participant.

No third party will be used to gather data on the participant.

All participants are provided with the Code of Conduct and **must** follow these guidelines. The Code of Conduct has been written to ensure the protection of all participants in an intersectional, queer, safe space, and anyone deemed to have infringed this Code of Conduct will be removed from the study and asked to leave, without reimbursement.

Participant engagement.

Participants will be asked to engage in group and individual activities while photos, video and audio recordings are taken. Individual activities may include semi-structured interviews.

During discussion, news articles, social media posts, images and other content from the internet (but none of which are directly related or linked to participants) will be presented.

Benefits and risks of the research.

Data used in this study will be used to establish a new design model for the inclusion of queer people in creating the technology they use.

This data can help us understand how best to engage with, and include, the queer community. It will also allow us to understand the concerns and needs of marginalised people, when designing new technology.

Participation in this study also aims to educate participants in prototyping and design methodology. This is to empower their voice in the design process and can be seen as a benefit and new skill.

The chance to air views within a safe space and have meaningful contribution to an academic project may also be seen as empowerment and a benefit to participants.

There is a risk data published from this study may identify you, however all data will be anonymised and we shall seek all participants renewed consent before final publication.

Attending events run by this study may also risk 'outing' and revealing of queer identity to other attendees.

Use of your data. Data from the research will be used in project reports for the purposes of the research. Data may also be discussed in supervision sessions and/or project meetings.

The results from the research may be disseminated in conference workshops and presentations, publications from this research may be stored online and on databases.

Mixed personal data. The research will gather ‘mixed’ personal data, i.e., data that simultaneously involves multiple participants and/or is irreducibly social in nature. In this case, mixed personal data includes multi-party conversation recorded on audio and video, photographs of group work conducted during workshop sessions. We can only delete mixed personal data if all parties to it withdraw their consent. However, we will redact any data that identifies you in public presentations and reports of this research insofar as this is practicable and the data has not already been made public by yourself (e.g., posted on social media).

Procedure for withdrawal from the research. You may withdraw from the study at any time and do not have to give reasons for why you no longer want to take part. If you wish to withdraw please contact the researcher who gathered the data. If you receive no response from the researcher please contact the School of Computer Science’s Ethics Committee.

Contact details of the ethics committee. If you wish to file a complaint or exercise your rights you can contact the Ethics Committee at the following address: cs-ethicsadmin@cs.nott.ac.uk