Data-driven Toolkit to Combat Cyberbullying in Teens (DTCCT)

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We are working on a special project called **"Data-driven Toolkit to Combat Cyberbullying among Teens" (DTCCT).** In our team is Kanishk Verma, a PhD student, Dr. Brian Davis, Dr. Tijana Milosevic from Dublin City University, and Dr Rebecca Umbach from Google. This project has received funding from the Irish Research Council (IRC) and Google, Ireland, under the Online Content Safety grant number ESPSG/2021/161.

When we say "*cyberbullying*" we mean when someone is being "*mean or hurting someone else*" online, like "*sending mean messages*", "*gossiping*", or "*leaving someone out on purpose*".

We want to understand how such behaviour occurs on social media apps like TikTok, Snapchat, and Instagram. We know that social media apps already have some tools to help stop cyberbullying, like reporting or blocking someone, but we want to know if those tools really work for young people. Their thoughts and ideas are very important to us.

We would also like to know the thoughts of teenagers and young people on what else we should be thinking about. Therefore, their opinion matters, and we would like to know how to make the best possible tools of this kind to help teenagers and young adults when cyberbullying happens on social media and direct messaging.

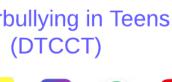## Taking part in this research means:

- As part of our research, we will be asking teeangers and young people to fill out a short online survey.
- They will only need to answer a few questions and there are no right or wrong answers.
- We are looking for teenagers and young adults who have opinions on cyberbullying, whether they have seen it happen to others or experienced it themselves.
- *We won't ask for any details about your own experiences of cyberbullying or harm online. It should take no more than an thirty minutes to complete the survey*

Confidentiality of data and information

We do not collect any personal information.

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Destroying Data

We do not collect any personal information and therefore do not require to destroy any data.

Voluntary participation

Please know that you do **not** have to participate in this research. This is only if you would like to do this, we cannot and should not make you do this. You can also opt out at any time –please do not hesitate to do so if you feel uncomfortable or for any other reason: **this is your right.**

Thank you so much for your help ! 😃

Confirmation of particular requirements as highlighted in the Plain Language Statement

Participant – please complete the following (Circle Yes or No for each question)

I have read the Plain Language Statement (or had it read to me)	*Yes/No*
I understand the information provided	*Yes/No*
I have had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss this study	*Yes/No*
I have received satisfactory answers to all my questions	*Yes/No*

Signature:

I have read and understood the information in this form. My questions and concerns have been answered by the researchers, and I have a copy of this consent form. Therefore, I consent for my child to take part in this research project

Participants Signature:_____

Date:_____

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