

## Opening Statement

You are being invited to participate in a research study titled Decriminalizing Youth. This study is being done by Jan Tilman, Romy Huizer, Inez Driessen, Larissa Amarjalali, and Liam Macdougald from the TU Delft.

The purpose of this research study is develop a model for testing policy implications on the system, and will take you approximately 60 minutes to complete. The data will be used for system understanding and validating assumptions to include in the model algorithms. It may also be used for academic evaluation within TU Delft. The data will not be publicly published unless you give explicit additional consent. We will be asking you to discuss factors influencing early school leaving and youth crime, review our system diagram, reflect on policy instruments and actors, and provide feedback on the proposed model.

As with any online activity the risk of a breach is always possible. To the best of our ability your answers in this study will remain confidential. We will minimize any risks by collecting only limited personal information, storing interview notes securely on TU Delft's Google Drive with restricted access, and removing identifying details during analysis.

There are no physical risks associated with this study. You may experience minor discomfort when discussing professional topics, but you may skip any question or stop the interview at any time to mitigate this. You may request to access or correct your personal data at any time, and you may request its removal until we complete our analysis and anonymisation. You will not receive compensation for your participation.

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary and you can withdraw at any time. You are free to omit any questions. As the data is not anonymous, you may request removal of your data until we complete our analysis and anonymisation

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## Explicit Consent points

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES	Yes	No
<b>A: GENERAL AGREEMENT – RESEARCH GOALS, PARTICIPANT TASKS AND VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION</b>		
1. I have read and understood the study information dated 01/12/2025, or it has been read to me. I have been able to ask questions about the study and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I consent voluntarily to be a participant in this study and understand that I can refuse to answer questions and I can withdraw from the study at any time, without having to give a reason.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I understand that taking part in the study involves:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The interview information will be captured only through written notes taken by the research team and the transcribe tool in MS Teams</li> <li>● No audio or video recordings will be made during the interview.</li> <li>● The notes will be typed into a shared TU Delft Google Drive document accessible only to the course research team.</li> <li>● The notes will later be anonymised by removing names, roles, and any other identifying details.</li> </ul>		
4. I understand that I will not receive any compensation for my participation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I understand that the study will end by 30/01/2026		
<b>B: POTENTIAL RISKS OF PARTICIPATING (INCLUDING DATA PROTECTION)</b>		
6. I understand that taking part in the study involves minimal risks, such as possible mild discomfort when discussing professional topics. These risks will be mitigated by allowing me to skip any question, pause the interview at any time, or end my participation without giving a reason.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. I understand that taking part in the study also involves collecting limited personally identifiable information such as my name, professional role, and the views I share during the interview. Because this information relates to my work at the Ministry, there is a small risk that my identity could be linked to specific comments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. I understand that some of the research data may be considered sensitive under GDPR, specifically because the interview concerns topics related to youth criminality and policies addressing it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. I understand that the following steps will be taken to minimise the risk of a data breach and protect my identity: the interview notes will be stored only on the secure TU Delft Google Drive environment with access restricted to the course research team; no audio or video recordings will be made; and all notes will be anonymised during analysis by removing names, roles, and other identifying details.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. I understand that personal information collected about me that can identify me, such as my name and professional role, will not be shared beyond the course research team.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. I understand that the identifiable personal data I provide will be destroyed after the completion of the course project and submission of the final report to the Ministry of the Interior.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>C: RESEARCH PUBLICATION, DISSEMINATION AND APPLICATION</b>		
12. I understand that after the research study the de-identified information I provide will be used for the final course project report submitted to the Ministry of the Interior and for academic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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evaluation within TU Delft. No identifiable information, images, or direct quotes that could reveal my identity will be published or shared beyond this context	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. I agree that my responses, views or other input can be quoted anonymously in research outputs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Signatures

*C.P. Dronkers*

*[Signature]* *6/1/26*

Name of participant [printed]

Signature

Date

I, as legal representative, have witnessed the accurate reading of the consent form with the potential participant and the individual has had the opportunity to ask questions. I confirm that the individual has given consent freely.

Name of witness [printed]

Signature

Date

I, as researcher, have accurately read out the information sheet to the potential participant and, to the best of my ability, ensured that the participant understands to what they are freely consenting.

Researcher name [printed]

Signature

Date

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