

Adding data persistence to the Inclusive Acres Hub website really made me think about the balance between giving users a better experience and respecting their control over data. For example, saving whether someone prefers light or dark mode with `localStorage` makes the site feel more personal and consistent across visits. But even this small feature shows how a site can influence user experience—people trust the site to remember their preferences, and the site decides how that information is handled.

Even though we're only storing simple info like theme choice, it's important to think about who benefits and who might not. Someone using a shared or public device might not want their settings saved, and older devices or browsers that don't fully support `localStorage` might not get the same experience. Adding a "Clear My Data" button gives users control and helps make things fairer, letting people remove their data if they want.

If this site grew and started collecting more data, like event sign-ups or volunteer info, the ethical stakes get higher. We'd need to be very clear about what's collected, how long it's stored, and who can see it. Security, accessibility, and data expiration policies would all become super important, especially since our audience includes families and neurodiverse kids.

Overall, this project made me realize that even small tech choices can have bigger impacts. By giving users control, being transparent, and thinking about privacy, the site can be both functional and responsible. It's a reminder that building a website isn't just about making it work—it's also about thinking about the people using it and making sure everyone feels safe and included.