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Participant Information Sheet (workshop)

Project: Exploring physical journalism: concept development phase

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This project aims to explore how to tell stories in physical space. We are interested in learning how sensors, objects or the environment can be used by to inform and engage the public.

In the first phase of our project we spoke to journalists and news designers about how they tell stories, the constraints they work with and what they see as the value of journalism. We now want to investigate new forms of storytelling and have developed a workshop that will help us develop ideas for design prototypes.

You are invited to participate in this workshop. At the workshop you will work in a group to develop ideas about how technology can be used to achieve journalistic goals, You will be invited to create sketches and storyboards based on combinations of technology, stories and challenges. The material you produce will be documented and used as research data.

The project and outcomes will be documented on the project website: JxD.com.au. At the end of the project we will send you an email summarising the outcomes.

What you have to do

During the workshop you will be asked to work in groups to respond to text and images focused on storytelling and technology. Your responses, will be in the form of sketches and annotations on paper, which we will photograph for later analysis.

You may participate in the workshop without participating in this study.

Data we are collecting

All data collected will be stored on password-protected devices or servers, and accessible only to the research team. The types of data may include:

- Photographs of workshop activities and the artefacts created;
- Artefacts or other materials that you voluntarily share with us.

Confidentiality

Throughout the analysis of this data and its presentation in research results, we will protect your identity and not disclose it to any parties not involved in the research project.

All information collected from you will be de-identified and/or allocated a code to enable the alignment of all data collected. Any information published or otherwise made public will not disclose your identity or your participation in this research project. All information will be de-identified before it is published.

Some de-identified information may be shared with other members of the research team and the Co-Innovation Research Group at the University of Queensland for the purposes of assisting with analysis and writing research papers. The information that is shared will be limited to data that has been de-identified and has the lowest chance of identifying you. De-identified data will be archived for future research and teaching purposes.

Risk to you

There are no risks to you participating in this study beyond those that exist in normal daily life.

Benefit

This project aims to inform innovative thinking about the future of journalism. It also aims to respond to broader social concerns about the future of public interest journalism amid growing concerns about the impact of social networks and their impact on public debate.

Participation

There are no benefits to you in participating in the study.

Your participation is entirely voluntary. You don't have to be in this study if you don't want to, and you can ask to stop at any time. There are no negative consequences should you wish to withdraw: data collection will cease immediately and any data collected from you or about you will not be included in the study.

Need to know more?

For further information about this study or if you wish to stop your involvement in the study please contact the investigators:

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This study adheres to the Guidelines of the ethical review process of The University of Queensland and the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (approval number 2019000054). Whilst you are free to discuss your participation in this study with the investigator (Dr Skye Doherty, contactable on 3346 8260), if you would like to speak to an officer of the University not involved in the study, you may contact the Ethics Coordinator on 3365 3924.