

Participant Information Sheet & Consent Statement

Community of Design™



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Project Title: Community of Design™

About the Research

This research explores the role of autonomy, iteration, and real-world design in Design & Technology education. It is centred around the development of the *Community of Design™* platform, which aims to connect educational practice with authentic design processes and industry-informed approaches.

What Participation Involves

Participation is voluntary. If you agree to participate, you will be invited to:

- Provide a short written statement, reflection, or professional insight
- Optionally contribute a quote or perspective related to design, education, or practice
- Allow your contribution to be used within the Community of Design™ platform and associated research outputs

Participation is entirely voluntary and should take only a short amount of time to complete.

Use of Data

Your contribution will be used for:

- Research and development purposes
- The development and presentation of the Community of Design™ platform

All data will be stored securely and handled in accordance with data protection regulations. Your information will not be used for purposes beyond those outlined here.

Confidentiality and Anonymity

- Your contribution will be **anonymised in research outputs**, unless you explicitly give permission to be identified
- If you choose to be named, your **name and professional title may be displayed on the Community of Design™ platform**
- No sensitive personal data will be collected or shared

All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure participants are not identifiable without consent.

Age requirements and Consent

This platform is intended for individuals aged **18 and over**.

Where contributions relate to work created by individuals under 18 (including students or home-educated learners), submissions must be made **by a parent, guardian, teacher, or responsible adult** who confirms that:

- appropriate consent has been obtained
- all work is fully anonymised
- no identifiable personal information is included

The platform does not accept direct submissions from individuals under 18.

Right to Withdraw

Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw at any time without giving a reason. You may request withdrawal of your data **up until January 2027**, after which point data may have been included in analysis and may not be removable.

Use of Contributions

Any written contributions remain the intellectual property of the participant. By consenting, you grant permission for your contribution to be used within:

- The Community of Design™ platform
- Related research outputs

Submission Guidelines (Website Use)

Contributions submitted to the Community of Design™ platform must:

- Consist of design work only (e.g. sketches, prototypes, concept visuals, process documentation)
- Not include photographs of individuals
- Not include faces, voices, or identifiable personal content
- Be fully anonymised (no names, schools, locations, or identifying details)

Submissions that do not meet this requirements may be removed.

The contributor retains ownership of their work but grants permission for it to be displayed on the platform.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this research, please contact:

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**Community of Design™ is an independent platform developed by Zoey Andreas.
Elements of the project may inform postgraduate research.**