

Participant Information Sheet

Study Title: BeSeated

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Ethics number: 14441

Please read this information carefully before deciding to take part in this research. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.

What is the research about?

We are a group of postgraduate students studying at University of Southampton. This is a student project which aims to collect information about the usefulness of a blog. The blog is a place to discuss and share opinions on venues. Its value lies in user-generated responses to venues and the quality of the experience at the venue. Participants are asked to answer some questions based on existing public online services and questions about a theoretical website. The study is supported by the University of Southampton.

Why have I been chosen?

The selection of participants is random.

What will happen to me if I take part?

If you decide to take part in this research you will spend about 5 minutes for completing the questionnaire.

Are there any benefits in my taking part?

Participants will not be directly benefited by taking part in this research project.

Are there any risks involved?

No risks are involved in this research.

Will my participation be confidential?

All data collected is anonymous and used only for the purposes of this study. It will be held on a password protected computer so nobody except the researcher has access to it. The collection of data complies with the University of Southampton policy under the Data Protection Act.

What happens if I change my mind?

You have the right to withdraw at any time and for any reason without your legal rights being affected.

What happens if something goes wrong?

In the unlikely case of concern or complaint please contact Dr Martina Prude, Head of Research Governance (02380 595058, mad4@soton.ac.uk).

Where can I get more information?

If you have any further questions about the project please feel free to contact the group (sv9g12@soton.ac.uk, ak5e14@soton.ac.uk, cogp1g14@soton.ac.uk, lg2e14@soton.ac.uk, rm2e14@soton.ac.uk, tl5e14@soton.ac.uk) or if you have more general questions please contact Dr Martina Prude, Head of Research Governance (02380 595058, mad4@soton.ac.uk).