

## Participant Information Sheet: Youth Engagement Survey

**Title of Project:** Scottish Rural Communities Policy Review

**You are being invited to complete an online survey about your experiences of initiatives to support rural development in Scotland. Please take time to read the following information carefully. Please ask the researcher if there is anything that is not clear or if you require any additional information about the study.**

### **What is the purpose of the study?**

The aim of this study is to understand the impacts of three rural development programmes: Community-Led Local Development (CLLD), Scottish Rural Action (SRA) and Scottish Rural Network (SRN). We aim to understand both the effects of the programmes and the processes through which these are achieved, as well as aiming to understand rural and island development more generally. In order to aid our understanding, we are interested in the views of young people (18-30 years old), both with and without experience of these programmes.

### **What does participation in the study involve?**

You will complete an online survey about your views on rural development support. If you have knowledge of the programmes under review, we will ask you questions relating to these, but no prior knowledge is necessary. The survey will take about 20 minutes to complete, and the responses will be analysed for the research purposes.

### **Why have I been invited to take part?**

As a young person (18-30 years old) living in rural or island Scotland, we are interested in your views of rural development initiatives.

### **Do I have to take part?**

Your participation in this survey is voluntary.

If you do not complete the survey, your information will not be stored.

Once you have submitted your survey response, you automatically consent to any information you have provided being used in this study. You have the right to withdraw from the research up to seven days after you have submitted your survey. If you decide to withdraw within seven days, your data will be deleted.

If we do not hear from you within seven days, your data will be anonymised, and we will no longer be able to identify or withdraw your data. All your data will be stored in accordance with UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 (see Data Protection below), and no personal details will be stored by us (unless otherwise specified).

### **Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?**

All data will be anonymised after seven days, and we will not name you as having taken part in the research.



At the end of the survey, you will be asked to enter your e-mail address if you would like to be entered into a prize draw to win a voucher or be contacted for follow-up questions. If completed, these details will be stored for 12 months and then deleted.

### **How will my data be used?**

Only the research team (and those specified in the Data Protection– see below) will have access to the data you have provided. Your survey response will be used for the purpose of this study as well as other outputs we produce (academic papers, for example).

### **Will I benefit from this study?**

Your participation in the study will help us understand whether and how these programmes have impacted on you. The Scottish Government plans to use the results of this research to improve these programmes in the future, which may benefit you and your community in the long-term.

### **What will happen to the results of the research study?**

The results of the research study will be used to inform policy and practice of the ways in which rural development programmes are designed and deployed in Scotland. The survey findings will be included in the final project report, which will be published on the Scottish Government website.

### **Who is involved in organising and funding the research?**

This research was commissioned and funded by the Scottish Government. The consortium undertaking the research is a collaboration between Scotland's Rural College (SRUC, Lead Partner), the University of the Highlands and Islands and IPSOS.

### **For further information, contact:**

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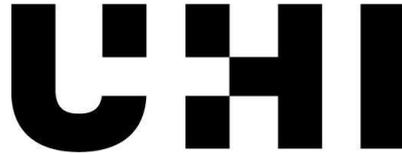
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## Data protection

### Identity of the Data Controller and Data Protection Officer



The Scottish Government is the “data controller” for this study, and Scotland’s Rural College (SRUC), the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) and Ipsos are the “data processors” who will be responsible for securely storing the data you provide and analysing it, as they will be delivering the research in partnership.

### What is our lawful basis for collecting and using your personal information?

Participation in this research is voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time. The legal basis for processing personal data is the performance of a task carried out in the public interest.

We are collecting this data in the performance of a public task, under Article 6 of UK GDPR / Data Protection Act 2018, (e) Public task, carried out in the public interest.

### For Further Information

For further information on data protection and our Privacy Notice, please visit the Rural Exchange website by clicking on this [link](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Lead (Bobby) or the Principal Investigator (Jane).

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