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**[Title of Project]**

## **Participant Information Sheet**

You are invited to take part in my research project. This sheet will explain to you why I am doing the research, and what it would involve for you. Please ask me questions if anything is not clear.

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

The thoughts you share with me about your understanding of the UK [REDACTED] will be used in my PhD thesis at the University of Bristol Law School. My research explores experiences of working in the UK [REDACTED] to paint a picture of how the law can be used to create changes that [REDACTED] want to see. My aim is to highlight [REDACTED] demands for better work by painting a picture of what this might look like.

If you would like to know more about this project, please visit [link to FAQ]. This webpage goes into more detail about the purpose of the project and how it will be carried out.

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

No, you can choose whether you want to take part in this research. I will describe this information to you again before we start, and I will answer any questions you

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might have. If you agree to take part, I will ask you to complete a consent form and return this to me via email before we begin. You are free to stop taking part at any point without giving a reason.

### **What will I have to do if I choose to take part?**

You will take part in an interview with me online using Zoom. I am interested in your expertise on the [REDACTED] rights movement. I want to learn from you what you and your organisation think would make work in the [REDACTED] better in the future. I am interested in your professional opinions, but your personal views are also relevant if you wish to share these with me. The length of this conversation is your choice, but I estimate that the interview will last between 30 minutes and 1 hour.

I will ask for your permission to audio record this conversation. These audio recordings will be deleted once all the data has been gathered. You can turn your webcam off if you want to protect your identity. If you would rather not be recorded, I can record our conversation by hand.

After the interview, I will send you a written record of what you have said. You will have 2 weeks to change or remove anything that you do not want to be included in my research. This includes removing everything. After this 2 weeks, you will no longer be able to remove your data from the project.

If you are happy for what you say to be linked to the organisation you work for, you can choose for your data to be pseudonymised. This would appear as 'a representative from the [REDACTED] said "*your quote here*" when

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quoted in my thesis. If not, I will anonymise your data. Your name or other personal details will never be mentioned in my thesis.

### **What are the possible disadvantages and risks involved in taking part?**

It is possible that some of the questions might upset you if you have had any personal bad experiences when working in the [REDACTED]. You do not have to answer any questions you feel uncomfortable with. If you feel concerned about your wellbeing during the interview, please let me know and I will change the questions I ask you. If you raise concerns about your wellbeing after the interview, I will help you toward support services.

### **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

I hope that this project will help to create new knowledge that will support [REDACTED] [REDACTED] fight for labour rights and better working conditions.

### **Will my participation be confidential?**

Your involvement in this research will be kept confidential. Any personal details you give (such as your name, where you live, or your contact information) will be stored safely and removed from the data before it is used in my research. This means that your identity is protected if you decide to take part.

However, if I become concerned that you are in serious danger or you are a risk to others, I have an ethical duty to report this to my institution so that help can be given.

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

The results of the focus group will be reported and analysed in my thesis. The finished thesis will be available at the University of Bristol Library, and any useful materials will be made available online. If you are interested in receiving a copy of my finished thesis, please email me. The findings may also be published in future academic articles.

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

The project is organised by me [REDACTED] and is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council. The supervisors of this project are [REDACTED] (email) and Professor [REDACTED] (email) from the University of Bristol Law School.

### **Who has reviewed the study?**

This study has been reviewed by the University of Bristol School of Law Research Ethics Committee.

### **Further information**

If you have any questions or feedback about the project, you can contact me

[REDACTED] by email: [REDACTED]

If you have any concerns related to this study, please contact the University of Bristol

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