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# Research on strengthening and advancing equality and human rights in Wales: privacy notice (survey)

This privacy notice tells you how your data will be processed and how long we will keep it for.

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# Introduction

The Welsh Government has commissioned Swansea University in collaboration with Bangor University and Diverse Cymru to undertake research on strengthening and advancing equality and human rights in Wales. The aim of this research is to investigate mechanisms to strengthen and advance equality and human rights in Wales, and to make recommendations for legislative, policy, guidance, or other reforms to meet this objective. As part of this research Swansea University and Diverse Cymru will be gathering information through a survey.

The Welsh Government is the data controller for the research. However, Swansea University and Diverse Cymru will delete any personal data provided, and anonymise the raw data, before it is shared with the Welsh Government.

The information collected during the project will be included in a report published on the Welsh Government website and possibly in other publications such as journal articles, blogs or consultation responses, and may be referred to at conferences, academic seminars or other public events by Swansea University/ Bangor University/Diverse Cymru.

Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. However your views and experiences are important in order to help inform Welsh Government policies.

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## What personal data do we hold and where do we

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## get this information?

Personal data is defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as ‘any information relating to an identifiable person who can be directly or indirectly identified by reference to an identifier’.

You have been asked to complete a survey as part of this research given the Welsh Government are keen to hear the views of professional stakeholders representing their employer organisations and people with lived experiences on the challenges facing equality and human rights in Wales, as well as how the Welsh Government could/should make use of devolved powers to address these challenges. The surveys are being produced and circulated by Swansea University and Diverse Cymru on behalf of the Welsh Government:

- If you are a professional stakeholder representing your employer organisation your contact details are available to Swansea University given you are members of the same network of organisations.
- Alternatively, you may have received the survey from a network coordinator.
- If you are a person with lived experiences your contact details have been accessed by Diverse Cymru from their network of individuals who are interested in getting involved in engagement and consultation opportunities.

As part of this project, your contact details will only be used by Swansea University and Diverse Cymru to send out surveys. When you respond to a survey this does not capture your email address or IP address and as such the survey is anonymous.

This research does not require the collection of additional personal data from you. If you choose to provide additional personal data as part of the research we will try not to identify you from, or link your identity to, the responses you provide. If you raise a query or complaint and provide personal data requesting a response, the researcher will forward the request only to the relevant official and

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subsequently delete it from the research data.

## What is the lawful basis for using your data?

The lawful basis for processing information in this data collection exercise is our public task; that is, exercising our official authority to undertake the core role and functions of the Welsh Government.

Participation is completely voluntary. Research studies such as this are important for the Welsh Government to collect information and actionable evidence about its ability to deliver government priorities. The information collected in this research, for example, might be used to:

- provide a better understanding of equality and human rights in Wales
- develop, deliver, monitor and evaluate policies relating to equality and human rights
- make recommendations for legislative, policy, guidance, or other reforms

## How secure is your personal data?

Personal information provided to Swansea University and Diverse Cymru is always stored on a secure server. The data relating to this project can only be accessed by a limited number of researchers working on this project. Swansea University and Diverse Cymru will only use this data for research purposes.

When conducting surveys, Swansea University use a survey software programme called Survey Monkey, whilst Diverse Cymru use a survey software programme called Smart Survey. We have ensured that Survey Monkey and Smart Survey are GDPR compliant and that they meet our expectations in terms

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of the security of any data collected via the software.

Swansea University and Diverse Cymru have procedures to deal with any suspected data security breaches. If a suspected breach occurs, Swansea University and Diverse Cymru will report this to the Welsh Government who will notify you and any applicable regulator where we are legally required to do so.

All data gathered through this research will be reported in an anonymised format. It will not contain your contact details and any identifiable information in open-ended answers will be removed. Swansea University and Diverse Cymru will use the information gathered to produce a report that will be published on the Welsh Government website. This report will not include any information that could be used to identify individual participants.

## How long do we keep your personal data?

Swansea University and Diverse Cymru will hold personal data during the contract period, and any personal data not already removed from research responses will be deleted by Swansea University and Diverse Cymru three months after the end of the contract. Contact detail used to send survey links are those already held by Swansea University and Diverse Cymru and these will be retained according to their original purpose. Swansea University and Diverse Cymru will provide Welsh Government with an anonymised version of the data which will not include information that could identify you.

## Individual rights

Under GDPR, you have the following rights in relation to the personal information you provide as part of this research, you have the right:

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- To access a copy of your own data
- For us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- To object to or restrict processing (in certain circumstances)
- For your data to be 'erased' (in certain circumstances), and
- To lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection.

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Phone: 01625 545 745 or 0303 123 1113.

[Website](#)

## Further information

If you have any further questions about how the data provided as part of this study will be used by the Welsh Government or wish to exercise your rights using the General Data Protection Regulation, please contact:

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The Welsh Government's Data Protection Officer can be contacted at:

Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.

Email: [DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales](mailto:DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales)

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