

Our Code of Conduct for Ethical and Responsible Research & Innovation

Our community research places a strong emphasis on ethics, ensuring that all activities are conducted with the highest standards of integrity.

Ethical Framework

1. Informed Consent and Participant Protection. We ensure that all community engagement activities, including assessments, workshops, and interviews, are conducted with informed consent from participants. Clear and understandable information about the purpose, procedures, risks, and benefits of our work will be provided. Participants will have the autonomy to withdraw at any time without any consequences.

2. Privacy and Confidentiality. We uphold strict confidentiality protocols to protect the personal information of participants. Data will be anonymised wherever possible, and access will be restricted to authorized personnel only. Our data management plan will comply with relevant data protection laws.

3. Minimizing Harm and Maximizing Benefits. Our work aims to directly benefit the communities involved by addressing their specific needs and challenges. We conduct thorough risk assessments to identify potential risks and implement strategies to mitigate them. The benefits of our work will be maximized by ensuring that the outcomes are directly applicable and beneficial to the communities.

4. Transparency and Accountability. We maintain transparency in our research processes by regularly updating stakeholders on our progress and findings. This will include publishing reports, holding public meetings, and using digital platforms for wider dissemination. Where necessary we establish an independent advisory board comprising community representatives, ethicists, and academic experts to oversee the project and ensure accountability.

Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)

1. Inclusiveness and Public Engagement. Our approach is inherently inclusive, involving community members, policymakers, and interdisciplinary collaborators in the research process. This co-creation model ensures that diverse perspectives are integrated, enhancing the relevance and impact of any research.

2. Reflexivity. We adopt a reflexive approach, continuously reflecting on our methods and objectives to adapt to emerging challenges and insights. Anticipation of future impacts is a core element of our work, ensuring that our research addresses not only current but also foreseeable societal needs. This forward-thinking perspective aligns with the principles of sustainable development and resilience.



3. Responsiveness and Adaptability. Our work is designed to be responsive to the needs and feedback of the communities we serve. Regular consultations and feedback mechanisms will be established to ensure that the research evolves in line with community priorities. This adaptability is crucial for maintaining the relevance and impact of our work.

4. Ethical Use of Technology, we adhere to ethical standards for technology use. This includes ensuring the accessibility and usability for diverse users, protecting user data, and addressing any ethical implications.

