**Participant information form**

**Informed Consent**

**Photographic Competition for the Evaluation of the Community Sponsorship Programme**

**You are invited to participate in a photographic competition for the formative evaluation of the Community Sponsorship Programme (CSP)**.

The Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS) at the University of Birmingham was invited in 2017 to undertake a formative evaluation of the Community Sponsorship Programme (CSP) in England by charities working with sponsorship groups. We have undertaken over 100 interviews with refugees and volunteers. Our report summarising our findings can be found on the [Community Sponsorship Evaluation (UK) webpage](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/superdiversity-institute/community-sponsorship-evaluation/index.aspx.).

Some of the refugees we have met talked about what kinds of things made them feel at home in the UK and we would like to know more about this so that we can come up with some ideas to help refugees feel more at home. So after consultation with some groups, we have decided to run a photograph competition for Community Sponsorship refugees.

Refugees will be asked to submit up to five photographs each on the theme of “What makes me feel at home” to this e-mail address a.bolstridge@bham.ac.uk. Photos must be accompanied no more than 100 words explaining what about the image sums up feeling at home (or not). The competition closes on Friday 28 February 2020 and all photos should be received by this time.

Photographers should make sure they have the permission of any individuals whose identifiable images are captured in the photographs and submit a release form for each identifiable individual with their competition entry. These are attached in Arabic and English for you to use.

Please sign the attached consent form giving us permission to use your photos in our exhibitions and in any reports or other publications that are produced after the competition. Also include the release form signed and send both scanned documents to: a.bolstridge@bham.ac.uk, or post the originals to:

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Edgbaston
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Once the photos are received we will put together a panel of judges including our researchers and some of the charities working with Community Sponsorship groups to judge which best respond to the theme. The winning photographer will receive a voucher for £100. All short-listed photographs will have the opportunity to have their photographs displayed in an online exhibition and possibly an actual exhibition at a location to be advised.

We will also bring the words together in one document and use these to explore some of things that shape feelings of home. We may also include some of these and our analysis of them in a report or other publications.

Participation in the competition is voluntary. You can ask questions about the competition and you can withdraw your photos at any time up to 15 days after the competition closes and we will destroy any images that we have.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the project lead Professor Jenny Phillimore, j.a.phillimore@bham.ac.uk or 07968 509675.

**What should I do if I have concerns about this competition or the evaluation?**

If you have any concerns you can raise these through the [University of Birmingham’s ethical review procedures](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/university/legal/research.pdf).

You may also contact the project lead Professor Jenny Phillimore at j.a.phillimore@bham.ac.uk or contact Dr Simon Pemberton s.pemberton1@bham.ac.uk.

**Consent form**

* I have read and fully understood the scope and implications of participating in this competition. Any questions I had were answered satisfactorily.
* I agree that my participation is voluntary. If at any time up to 15 days after the competition closing date I decide to withdraw from this project, my photos will be immediately destroyed
* I agree that my photos can be used in the competition and in any subsequent reports and publications
* I agree that I will not submit any photographs of people without asking their permission and asking them to sign a release form to enter the photo into the competition
* I agree that data collected from the captions can be used in journal articles and reports
* I understand that my personal data will be processed and stored according with the GDPR.

**Name of competitor…………………………………………………………………..**

**Signature………………………………………………………………………………….**

**Date…………………………………………………………………………………………**