

**Participant Information Sheet for Living Joy Archive**

UCL Research Ethics Committee Approval ID Number:

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION SHEET**

**Title of Study: AnthropolJOY: Living Joy Archive**

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**Department: Anthropology**

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**Name and Contact Details of the Researcher(s): Prof Joanna Cook**

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**Name and Contact Details of the Principal Researcher: Prof Joanna Cook –  
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**1. Invitation**

You are being invited to take part in a research project conducted by researchers from UCL Department of Anthropology. Please read the following information. Feel free to ask any questions, either in person or by using the contact details listed above. Thank you for taking the time to consider this invitation.

**2. Project Aims**

The project aims to –

- Gather responses on experiences of joy.
- Provide an opportunity to share images and reflection that you associate with joyous experience.
- Create an online exhibition displaying these images and responses.

**3. Participation Criteria (inclusion and exclusion)**

- You are over the age of 16
- You understand the research conditions outlined here and choose freely to participate
- You are in a position to decide freely whether to take part, without pressure from others

**4. Consent**

You are free to choose whether you will participate in the research or not. There will be no penalties for deciding not to participate. If you have any questions about the research project, or would like to participate, you are invited to contact the researcher using the details listed at the top of this sheet. By submitting an entry to the Living Joy Archive, you signal your consent to participate.

**5. Withdrawal**

- Withdrawal will not be possible after submission.
- Your submission will be anonymised before inclusion in the Joy Archive and it will not be possible to remove your submission once submitted. If you have included any personal identifiers besides your first name and general location with your submission (e.g., last name, contact details, identifiable photo) the Principal Investigator will remove these so that no other personal data is held by the project.
- If you do not want your first name to appear with your submission, please choose a pseudonym or submit anonymously (without a name).
- The Joy Archive will remain on the AnthropolJOY website indefinitely.

## 6. Research activities and time commitments

The research involves:

- Completing an online survey where you can submit a reflection on joy.
- You may also submit an image if you choose to.

## 7. Recording of data

Your data will be recorded via your submissions on the Joy Archive webform. This includes your name, location and any images that you upload.

## 8. Risks and disadvantages of taking part in research

Participation in this study is expected to involve minimal risk. Although the topic is positive, participants may accidentally share personal or sensitive information in their written responses or uploaded images. If published online as part of the AnthropoloJOY digital exhibition, this information could potentially identify them or reveal personal experiences.

To reduce these risks, participation is entirely voluntary. Do not include any identifying, confidential, or sensitive information unless you are comfortable sharing it publicly.

All submissions will be reviewed by the Principal Investigator before publication. Content that is inappropriate, offensive, overly personal, or potentially harmful will not be published. You may also choose not to upload images and can decide how much information you wish to share. All data collected through the online platform will be stored securely and handled in line with relevant data protection and research ethics guidelines.

## 9. Benefits of taking part in research

This research aims to foster and understand joy. You may therefore benefit from this research by sharing joyful experiences with others and by sharing your stories with a broader community that may benefit from them.

## 10. Complaints, concerns, and cases of distress

If you have any concerns about how this research is handled, you can use the contact details listed at the top of this sheet to communicate them. You can also submit a complaint via the AnthropoloJOY website here:

[anthropolojoy.com/contact](https://anthropolojoy.com/contact)

## 11. Confidentiality

If you agree to participate in research all your personal data will be kept confidential. This means that only your first name and general location will be posted with your submission and all other identifying data will be removed.

## 12. Project funding

This project is funded by a grant from the European Research Council, grant agreement ID: 101198886

## 16. Contact for further information

[anthropolojoy.com/contact](https://anthropolojoy.com/contact)

**Thank you for reading this information sheet, you will be provided with a copy to take away with you. Thank you for taking the time to consider taking part in this research project.**