

## Consent to Participate in Research

### **SHARECITY: Assessing the practice and transformative potential of food sharing economies for more sustainable cities**

#### **Introduction and Purpose**

You are being invited to participate in a research study about food sharing. SHARECITY is funded by the European Research Council (grant agreement no. 646883). The objective of SHARECITY is to better understand how and why people share food outside familial and friendship networks and the impact of those sharing activities on societal relations, economic opportunities and environmental resource conservation.

There are no known risks if you decide to participate in this research study, nor are there any costs for participating in the study. The information you provide will help us understand food sharing practices, how they are regulated and the impacts they produce. The information collected may not benefit you directly, but what we learn from this study should provide general benefits to those involved in food sharing activities in cities.

#### **Procedures**

With your permission, the data you enter into SHARE IT will be stored on a Trinity College Dublin server and accessible to researchers working on SHARECITY at Trinity College Dublin. The research data will be stored for up to 5 years. The data will be available to the Principal Investigator of SHARECITY beyond the duration of the research project which is currently due to finish in September 2020. These data could be made available to other researchers upon request.

#### **Confidentiality**

Your data will be handled as confidentially as possible. If results of this study are published or presented individual names, company names and other personally identifiable information will not be used unless you give explicit permission for this.

#### **Compensation**

You will not be paid for taking part in this study.

#### **Rights**

***Participation in research is completely voluntary.*** You are free to decline to take part in the project. You can decline to answer any questions and are free to stop taking part in the project at any time.

#### **Questions**

If you have any questions or concerns about completing the questionnaire or about being in this study, you may contact SHARECITY at [SHARECITY@tcd.ie](mailto:SHARECITY@tcd.ie)

The Ethics Committee of TCD has reviewed and approved our request to conduct this project. If you have any concerns about your rights in this study, please contact the Director of Research within the School of Natural Sciences: [snsresearch@tcd.ie](mailto:snsresearch@tcd.ie)

Through indicating your consent to providing data for SHARE IT you acknowledge what is involved in this research and agree to participate in the study.