

Pro forma information sheet and consent form



Information sheet

Research study [Understanding Interactions Mediated by Wearable Devices in the form of Jewelry]: information for participants

We would like to invite you to be part of this research project, if you would like to.

Please read the following information carefully before you decide to take part; this will tell you why the research is being done and what you will be asked to do if you take part. Please ask if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. If you decide to take part, you will be asked to sign the attached form to say that you agree. You are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

Our research is focused on the use of sentimental jewelry in mediation of relationships between loved-ones when they are apart from each other. Increasing number of wearable devices, begin to feel and look like jewelry, and offer an opportunity to enchant sentimental jewelry with technology, giving loved ones completely new ways of keeping in touch. In our research, we are hoping to understand the best ways of doing so. And we very much appreciate your participation.

In the current study, we ask participants to temporarily suspend their knowledge and fantasize about enchanted jewelry that can keep them in touch with their loved ones. The study will last about an hour and will take a part of the hands on workshop. During this time, participants will be given a sheet of paper and basic craft materials and asked to make a small jewelry-like object. Participants will also be asked to fill in a questionnaire and shown sentimental prompts (images, objects, jewelry, etc.) and will be asked to respond to them.

The data and results of this questionnaire may be published or presented in public talks, but in no way that will allow you to be identified, and all the data will be handled in accordance with the provisions of the U.K. Data Protection Act 1998. We might need to record the study session in either video or audio, however the recordings will be used only for internal research process and will be destroyed at the completion of the research.

For additional information, feel free to contact Yulia Silina: y.silina@qmul.ac.uk

It is entirely up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part, you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form.

If you have any questions or concerns about the manner in which the study was conducted please, in the first instance, contact the researcher responsible for the study. If this is unsuccessful, or not appropriate, please contact the Secretary at the Queen Mary Ethics of Research Committee, Room W117, Queen's Building, Mile End Campus, Mile End Road, London or research-ethics@qmul.ac.uk.

Consent form

Please complete this form after you have read the Information Sheet and/or listened to an explanation about the research.

Title of Study: Understanding Interactions Mediated by Wearable Devices

Queen Mary Ethics of Research Committee Ref: QMREC1614a

- . • Thank you for considering taking part in this research. The person organizing the research must explain the project to you before you agree to take part.
- . • If you have any questions arising from the Information Sheet or explanation already given to you, please ask the researcher before you decide whether to join in. You will be given a copy of this Consent Form to keep and refer to at any time.
- . • *I understand that if I decide at any other time during the research that I no longer wish to participate in this project, I can notify the researchers involved and be withdrawn from it immediately.*
- . • *I consent to the processing of my personal information for the purposes of this research study. I understand that such information will be treated as strictly confidential and handled in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.*

Participant's Statement:

I _____ agree that the research project named above has been explained to me to my satisfaction and I agree to take part in the study. I have read both the notes written above and the Information Sheet about the project, and understand what the research study involves.

Signed:

Date:

Investigator's Statement:

I _____ confirm that I have carefully explained the nature, demands and any foreseeable risks (where applicable) of the proposed research to the volunteer