Participant Information Sheet

Researcher:
My name is Harry Potter and I am a PhD candidate in Wizardry in the College of Magic at the Australian National University.

Project Title: The impact of magic on muggles

General Outline of the Project:
- **Description and Methodology:** I am conducting research on how wizardry and magic impact the muggle world. Many muggles are unaware that magic exists, but for those who do experience the effects of magic first-hand, the impacts can be uncertain. This research seeks to understand how magic impacts muggles’ views about the world.
- **Participants:** I intend to interview 30 muggles from a variety of professional backgrounds that have had first-hand experiences of magic. Muggles will be recruited from Platform 9.75 at the train station.
- **Use of Data and Feedback:** The data will be used to produce peer-reviewed published articles and conference presentations. A summary of the research will be made available to participants at this link: [https://www.dropbox.com/potter-phd/results/](https://www.dropbox.com/potter-phd/results/)
- **Project Funding:** This research is supported by a research grant from the Ministry of Magic.

Participant Involvement:
- **Voluntary Participation & Withdrawal:** Your participation in this research is voluntary, and you may decline to take part or to withdraw from the research without providing an explanation at any time until the work is prepared for publication. Within the research, you may also decline to answer any question. If you withdraw, the data you have provided prior to withdrawal will be destroyed and not used.

- **What does participation in the research entail?** You are invited to take part in an interview with me about your experiences of magic in your day-to-day life. With your consent, I will record the interview so that I can accurately transcribe it, and the recordings will be destroyed after transcription. During the interview, I may ask some personal questions about how magic has impacted your life, including your relationships with others. Magic will not be used during the interview.

- **Location and Duration:** Interviews are expected to last about an hour, and will be conducted at a place of your choosing – for example, your office or in a place we can talk in private. I may contact you for another one-hour interview if I would like to follow up on anything from the first interview.

- **Remuneration:** In recognition of your time, I will offer you a $AUD 20 Diagon Alley Voucher.

- **Risks:** The research carries little risk, although you may feel uncomfortable or distressed if you have had negative experiences with magic. There is also a risk that despite my efforts to keep your identity confidential, you may be identified through the stories that you tell me, and so you should not tell me anything that would incriminate you or cause others to take an unfavourable view of you. There is a small risk that you will fall under a magic spell during the interview, although this is very unlikely, and I will be able to cast an emergency counter-spell if that occurs.

- **Benefits:** It is unlikely that you will personally benefit from participation in this research. However, the work will improve our understanding of the ways in which magic impacts the non-magic community, and may have broad benefits in terms of policy initiatives that restrict certain types of magic use.
Exclusion criteria:
- **Participant Limitation:** Non-muggles (magic folk) and non-humans are excluded from this research. No wizards.

Confidentiality:
- **Confidentiality:** We will keep your identity confidential as far as allowed by law, unless you elect to be named within the research. Access to the data you provide will be restricted to the research team, and identifying details will be stored separately from the rest of the research data. Published results will only be reported in aggregate, and you will not be identifiable within published outputs unless you have elected otherwise.

Privacy Notice:
In collecting your personal information within this research, the ANU must comply with the Privacy Act 1988. The ANU Privacy Policy is available at https://policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_010007 and it contains information about how a person can:
- Access or seek correction to their personal information;
- Complain about a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle by ANU, and how ANU will handle the complaint.

Data Storage:
- **Where:** Data will be securely stored on password-protected computers in the School of Magic at the Australian National University. Physical records will be kept in a locked filing cabinet in my office.

- **How long:** All research data will be retained and securely stored for at least five years following publications arising from the research.

- **Handling of Data following the required storage period:** After the storage period, all identifying details will be removed from the data and the non-identified data will be archived at the Australian Data Archive (www.ada.edu.au) for use in later research, including potentially by other researchers.

Queries and Concerns:
- **Contact Details for More Information:** Any requests for information or queries regarding the study participants should be directed to harry.potter@anu.edu.au (+61 2 6125-0000) or my supervisor Professor Albus Dumbledore (albus.dumbledore@anu.edu.au, +61 2 6125-0001).

- **Contact Details if in Distress:** If you feel distressed by any questions, you should contact the Australian Magic Support Line (1-800-MAGIC-UGH) or Lifeline (13 11 14).

Ethics Committee Clearance:
The ethical aspects of this research have been approved by the ANU Human Research Ethics Committee (Protocol 2017/999). If you have any concerns or complaints about how this research has been conducted, please contact:
- Ethics Manager
- The ANU Human Research Ethics Committee
- The Australian National University
- Telephone: +61 2 6125 3427
- Email: Human.Ethics.Offer@anu.edu.au