
Privacy Notice for T Levels Research Study

1 Why are we collecting this data?

The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) is undertaking a research study exploring how the first T Level providers are preparing for implementation. T Levels are new 2-year courses, designed with employers, to give young people the skills that industry needs. They will give post-GCSE students a technical alternative to A-levels. The first three T Levels in: Digital, Production, Design and Development; Design, Surveying and Planning; and Education will be delivered from September 2020.

The research will collect data in order to:

- explore progress to date
- identify effective practice and lessons to inform the further roll-out of T Levels
- undertake a round table event to discuss the implications of the findings.

For the purpose of data protection legislation, NFER is the Data Controller.

2 What is the legal basis for processing activities?

The legal basis for processing personal data is covered by:

- GDPR Article 6 (1) (f) which states that 'processing is necessary for the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party except where such interest are overridden by the interests or fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject which require protection of the personal data'.

The NFER's legitimate interest for processing personal data for this project is to research the progress to date of the first T Level providers.

3 How will personal data be obtained?

Personal data will be obtained by NFER in the following ways:

- via desk research and telephone calls to identify appropriate contacts in providers
- drawing on existing sector representative contacts
- via conducting interviews with the first providers of T Levels
- via conducting interviews with key sector representatives.

4 What personal data is being collected by this project?

Personal data for this project includes data about staff within the first T Level providers and within sector representative organisations, as described below:

- The names of staff responsible for T Levels within providers and sector representative organisations and other contact information, including name, organisation, address, email address, telephone number and role.
- The views and experiences of staff within provider organisations related to their preparation for the implementation of the first T Levels in Digital, Production, Design and Development; Design, Surveying and Planning; and Education.
- The views of sector representative organisations on T Levels.

5 Who will personal data be shared with?

In May 2019, NFER will produce a research report which will present the findings of the research. This report will be published and made available to the general public. The final report will be based on anonymised findings. No individual, provider or sector representative organisation will be identifiable from the report NFER writes, unless permission has explicitly been given by the data subject.

A range of dissemination activities will be organised based on the research findings. This will include a round table event to which all consultees, and other key stakeholders, will be invited to discuss the implications of the findings.

6 Is personal data being transferred outside of the European Economic Areas (EEA)?

No personal data is stored or transferred outside of the EEA.

7 How long will personal data be retained?

NFER will delete any personal data within one year of the publication of the research report.

8 Can I stop my personal data being used?

The NFER will handle your personal data in accordance with the rights given to individuals under data protection legislation. If at any time you wish us to withdraw your data from the project or correct errors in it, please contact NFER at: s.straw@nfer.ac.uk

In certain circumstances, data subjects have the right to restrict or object to processing. They also have the right to make a subject access request to see all the information held about them. To exercise any of these rights, please contact the NFER's Compliance Officer at compliance@nfer.ac.uk.

9 Who can I contact about this project?

NFER will determine the purposes and means of processing personal data as part of this project. The Research Director is Suzanne Straw who can be contacted at: s.straw@nfer.ac.uk with any queries.

If you have a concern about the way this project processes personal data, we request that you raise your concern with NFER (see the details above). Alternatively, you can contact the Information Commissioner's Office, the body responsible for enforcing data protection legislation in the UK, at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.

10 Updates

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. The date when this privacy notice was last updated is shown in the footer at the bottom of this document.