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## Information about the research for web

### What does a day in the life look like?

We want to look at what photos and data are shared and how people interact and form communities online. The project is part of wider work looking at whether conducting a photo-a-day project has a positive effect on well-being. As part of this, we want to think about whether there are any potential ethical issues – does the ethos of the website fit with that of the people using it? Are there things that people do and don't share? What about keeping some things private?

As part of this work, someone you know online has volunteered to participate and has given permission for a researcher to follow their interactions for two months. The exact dates are on their profile page. Because the research looks at their interactions, it is important that you know that anything you say may be observed by a researcher. If you do not wish to be observed, you can choose not to interact with the research participant, or you can contact the researcher to request that your interactions are excluded from the research.

The research will not:

- Interact with you directly
- Record personal or identifiable details about you (e.g. your user name, location etc)
- Download any of your photographs or comments

The research may:

- Record interactions that you have with the research participant in an anonymised form

Please get in touch if you would like more information, have any concerns about the research, or would like to be excluded.

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The project starts in August 2016 and is scheduled to finish by August 2017.

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