**Football Cooperative Phase 1**

**Informed Consent Forms**

**Stakeholder Group 1 & 2: FC Members (Reg & Irregular Attenders)**

**Research Subject:** Football Cooperative, a community based physical activity social intervention for men: A feasibility study for scale up.

**Informed Consent**

You have been asked to give informed consent to participate in a focus group as part of a research project. The focus group aims to explore your motivations to, experience of and outcomes from participating in Football Cooperative. You are under no obligation to consent to participating in the research, and choosing not to participate will in no way reflect negatively on you. To help you to decide whether or not to participate, you need to fully understand what is required of research participants and what the research entails. This is called an informed consent.

**What is this research about?**

This research aims to explore the impact of Football Cooperative with a view to placing a monetised social value on it. The findings from this focus group will be used along two other focus groups to help define what outcomes should be measured as part of this project. Your answers will be analysed and synthesized with this additional data and presented in a publishable academic manuscript.

**What does participation involve?**

Participation involves an approximately 60 minute audio-recorded focus group on Zoom where you will be asked to contribute your views and opinions on certain questions relating to your experience of Football Cooperative. You can skip any questions that you do not wish to answer, or ask to remove any of your responses from the resulting transcript within two weeks of the focus group. Only Dr. Paula Carroll and the PhD student appointed to this project will have access to this audio recording, which will be stored digitally in a password-protected cloud storage facility and deleted immediately after responses have been transcribed.

**Information used will not be identifiable.**

We guarantee anonymity by giving you a pseudonym. The data from the focus group will be linked to this pseudonym instead of any personal details. This will be done immediately following the focus group so that any information added to a computer database or used for analysis cannot be connected to your personal information. Additionally, no identifying information (e.g. places) will be identified by name in the research. The list of participants and pseudonyms will be password protected and kept distinct from any other data (i.e. transcripts, consent forms). Only Dr. Paula Carroll and the PhD student appointed to this project will have access to this list of participant names and pseudonyms**.** Audio recordings from this interview will be transcribed verbatim with any identifying information (i.e. names, personal details, school affiliation etc.) removed. All hard copies of data will be kept in a locked file cabinet, and soft copies will be password-protected. No identifiable information (i.e. quotes that may disclose your identity) will be used in any final publication or resources developed from this research project.

**Who will have access to the data from the interview?**

Dr. Paula Carroll from Waterford IT and the PhD student to be appointed to this project will have access to all of your information (i.e. consent forms, contact information, focus group responses). All records will be kept on WITs OneDrive for five years after peer reviewed publication. After this time, all data will be permanently and securely destroyed: hard copies will be shredded, and soft files will be deleted.

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**Can I withdraw from the study?**

Participation in the study is voluntary and you can withdraw consent at any time. Within two weeks of data collection, data can also be withdrawn from the study. You can leave the focus group at any time.

**Contact details**

If you have any questions about the research you can contact Dr Paula Carroll by:

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**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Stakeholder Group 3: FC Significant Others**

**Research Subject:** Football Cooperative, a community based physical activity social intervention for men: A feasibility study for scale up.

**Informed Consent**

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**Who will have access to the data from the interview?**

Dr. Paula Carroll from Waterford IT and the PhD student to be appointed to this project will have access to all of your information (i.e. consent forms, contact information, focus group responses). All records will be kept on WITs OneDrive for five years after peer reviewed publication. After this time, all data will be permanently and securely destroyed: hard copies will be shredded, and soft files will be deleted.

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**Stakeholder Group 4: FC Community Partners**

**Research Subject:** Football Cooperative, a community based physical activity social intervention for men: A feasibility study for scale up.

**Informed Consent**

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**What is this research about?**

This research aims to explore the impact of Football Cooperative with a view to placing a monetised social value on it. The findings from this focus group will be used along two other focus groups to help define what outcomes should be measured as part of this project. Your answers will be analysed and synthesized with this additional data and presented in a publishable academic manuscript.

**What does participation involve?**

Participation involves an approximately 60 minute audio-recorded focus group on Zoom where you will be asked to contribute your views and opinions on certain questions relating to your experience of Football Cooperative. You can skip any questions that you do not wish to answer, or ask to remove any of your responses from the resulting transcript within two weeks of the focus group. Only Dr. Paula Carroll and the PhD student appointed to this project will have access to this audio recording, which will be stored digitally in a password-protected cloud storage facility and deleted immediately after responses have been transcribed.

**Information used will not be identifiable.**

We guarantee anonymity by giving you a pseudonym. The data from the focus group will be linked to this pseudonym instead of any personal details. This will be done immediately following the focus group so that any information added to a computer database or used for analysis cannot be connected to your personal information. Additionally, no identifying information (e.g. places) will be identified by name in the research. The list of participants and pseudonyms will be password protected and kept distinct from any other data (i.e. transcripts, consent forms). Only Dr. Paula Carroll and the PhD student appointed to this project will have access to this list of participant names and pseudonyms**.** Audio recordings from this interview will be transcribed verbatim. All hard copies of data will be kept in a locked file cabinet, and soft copies will be password-protected. No identifiable information (i.e. quotes that may disclose your identity) will be used in any final publication or resources developed from this research project.

**Who will have access to the data from the interview?**

Dr. Paula Carroll from Waterford IT and the PhD student to be appointed to this project will have access to all of your information (i.e. consent forms, contact information, focus group responses). All records will be kept on WITs OneDrive for five years after peer reviewed publication. After this time, all data will be permanently and securely destroyed: hard copies will be shredded, and soft files will be deleted.

**Confidentiality is assured and will be maintained**.

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**Stakeholder Group 5: FC Committee & Match Co-ordinators**

**Research Subject:** Football Cooperative, a community based physical activity social intervention for men: A feasibility study for scale up.

**Informed Consent**

You have been asked to give informed consent to participate in this research project. This entails:

1. participating in a focus group as part of a research project. The focus group (~60 minutes) aims to explore your experience of and outcomes from participating in Football Cooperative and
2. the completion of weekly timesheets and returning them to the research team periodically.

You are under no obligation to consent to participating in the research, and choosing not to participate will in no way reflect negatively on you. To help you to decide whether or not to participate, you need to fully understand what is required of research participants and what the research entails. This is called an informed consent.

**What is this research about?**

This research aims to explore the impact of Football Cooperative with a view to placing a monetised social value on it. The findings from the focus group and your weekly timesheets will be used to help collect information on what is required to be done to run Football Cooperative (FC), along with what is achieved by FC on a weekly basis. Your timesheets will be analysed and synthesized with this additional data and presented in a publishable academic manuscript.

**What does participation involve?**

Participation involves ~60 minute focus group and an approximately 10 minutes weekly for approximately 52 weeks to complete the timesheet. Only Dr. Paula Carroll and the PhD student appointed to this project will have access to the timesheet, which will be stored digitally in a password-protected cloud storage facility and deleted immediately after responses have been transcribed.

**Information used will not be identifiable.**

We guarantee anonymity by giving you a pseudonym. The data from the timesheets will be linked to this pseudonym instead of any personal details. This will be done immediately following the receipt of the first timesheet so that any information added to a computer database or used for analysis cannot be connected to your personal information. Additionally, no identifying information (e.g. places) will be identified by name in the research. The list of participants and pseudonyms will be password protected and kept distinct from any other data (i.e. transcripts, consent forms). Only Dr. Paula Carroll and the PhD student appointed to this project will have access to this list of participant names and pseudonyms**.** All hard copies of data will be kept in a locked file cabinet, and soft copies will be password-protected. No identifiable information (i.e. quotes that may disclose your identity) will be used in any final publication or resources developed from this research project.

**Who will have access to the data from the interview?**

Dr. Paula Carroll from Waterford IT and the PhD student to be appointed to this project will have access to all of your information (i.e. consent forms, contact information, timsheets). All records will be kept on WITs OneDrive for five years after peer reviewed publication. After this time, all data will be permanently and securely destroyed: hard copies will be shredded, and soft files will be deleted.

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