

## Debrief Information Sheet

**Title of research project: 'Voice-Engine' - VERP**

**Date:** 4th April 2024

Thank you for taking part in this research work, called VOICE ENGINE.

Voice-Engine is a research project that gathers data on the views and experiences of individuals who do not have children, whether by choice or not. This data serves as a platform for expressing and exploring the perspectives of these individuals in order to enhance their representation in narratives on the screen.

Voice-Engine is the first part of a wider research process under the umbrella name of VERP, which is an acronym for **V**oice-Engine, **R**e-framing, and **P**laypen. VERP is exploring three distinct development approaches with a shared mission: elevating underrepresented female voices in Film and High-End Television (HETV). The core focus is to empower individuals who have been stereotyped or portrayed as victims in fictional stories on the screen.

The purpose of this study, therefore, is to research the experiences of Childless and Childfree Women. From that data fictional characters will be written and in time dramatizations will be made to demonstrate viewpoints and experiences that currently might be sidelined in mainstream media.

Voice-Engine requests participants be honest and open about their experiences and feelings and share any prejudices or desires they have. All participants' data, alongside the questionnaires and recordings of the focus groups (if you are a participant invited to one), will be securely stored in the University of Gloucestershire's OneDrive facility and as this research project extends across a three year period all data will be deleted in 2026. Prior to that date all data will be accessed internally through the University portal by the VERP research lead, their supervisors and any future screenwriter employed to write scenes.

Participants can withdraw their data from this study prior to three weeks after the focus group they participated in. However, after this date, it may be difficult to extract their data from the analysis or publication.

VERP acknowledges this topic area can trigger emotional upset. Support services are available and are listed at the base of this letter. Please also find a link to the Research Privacy Notice: <http://www.glos.ac.uk/information/knowledge-base/research-participants-privacy-notice>

### **Support services, as recommended by Gateway-women and UoG:**

[www.gateway-women.com/resources/global-resources/](http://www.gateway-women.com/resources/global-resources/)

<https://gateway-women.com>

[www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

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This research project has been reviewed by the University of Gloucestershire's Research Ethics Committee. If you have any questions the committee's chair, Dr Emily Ryall, can be contacted on email: [eryall@glos.ac.uk](mailto:eryall@glos.ac.uk)

