**Important: Please note this document does not count towards the page limit of your application form.**

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) questionnaire - Optional**

The Equality Act (2010) identifies nine protected characteristics to which NERC as a public body must give due regard to the need, to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

NERC is requesting this information and encourages you to fill in this form, to enable us to understand how the diversity of main applicants and co-applicants to this grant compares to our research grants, public engagement projects, and other NERC investments. Capturing this data and understanding who we are funding will enable us to identify areas for improvement, and plan future investments and engagements more equitably.

Please note the questions in this document are **not** mandatory, so if you choose not to supply this information this **will not** impact your application and chances of being funded.

Find out more about NERC’s approach to Diversity, Equity,and Inclusion (DEI) in our action plan <https://nerc.ukri.org/about/policy/equality/nerc-equality-diversity-inclusion-plan-2020-21/>.

We will store your data securely and handle it in line with the UK data protection legislation. If you would like to know more, including how to exercise your data protection rights, please see our [Privacy notice – UKRI](https://www.ukri.org/about-us/privacy-notice/).

Please note we are **only** requesting this information from the **main and co-applicant** submitting to the ‘Engaging the public with environmental science 2022’ funding opportunity. The main and co-applicant can fill in separate documents and send these via email in a PDF format to [publicengagement@nerc.ukri.org](mailto:publicengagement@nerc.ukri.org) by 18/05/2022 at 16:00.

Please put an X next to your response to the following questions:

1. Do you wish to supply this information?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  | No |

1. In the box below, please provide the title of your project as it appears on your application form for the ‘Engaging the public with environmental science 2022’ funding opportunity.

|  |
| --- |
|  |

1. Are you listed as the main applicant or the co-applicant on the application form for the ‘Engaging the public with environmental science 2022’ funding opportunity?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Main applicant |
|  | Co-applicant |

1. What is your gender?

If you would prefer to self-identify, please select that response and type within the box.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Man |
|  | Non-binary |
|  | Woman |
|  | Prefer not to say |
|  | Prefer to self-identify:  [Please type here] |

1. Do you consider yourself to be transgender?

If you would prefer to self-identify, please select that response and type within the box.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  | No |
|  | Prefer not to say |
|  | Prefer to self-identify:  [Please type here] |

1. What is your age?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Under 20 |
|  | 20 – 30 |
|  | 30 – 40 |
|  | 40 – 50 |
|  | 50 – 65 |
|  | Over 65 |
|  | Prefer not to say |

1. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes |
|  | No |
|  | Prefer not to say |

1. What is your ethnicity?

If you would prefer to self-identify, please select that response and type within the box.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Asian |
|  | Asian British |
|  | Black |
|  | Black British |
|  | Caribbean or African |
|  | Mixed or multiple ethnic groups |
|  | White |
|  | Prefer not to say |
|  | Prefer to self-identify:  [Please type here] |

1. What is your religion?

If you would prefer to self-identify, please select that response and type within the box.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Agnostic |
|  | Atheist/no religious belief |
|  | Buddhist |
|  | Christian |
|  | Hindu |
|  | Jewish |
|  | Muslim |
|  | Sikh |
|  | Prefer not to say |
|  | Prefer to self-identify:  [Please type here] |

1. What is your sexual orientation?

If you would prefer to self-identify, please select that response and type within the box.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Asexual |
|  | Bisexual |
|  | Heterosexual |
|  | Homosexual |
|  | Queer |
|  | Questioning |
|  | Prefer not to say |
|  | Prefer to self-identify:  [Please type here] |