

Privacy Notice – Office of the Planning Regulator conducting qualitative research into career pathways in planning in Ireland

Data Controller

For the purpose covered by this privacy notice, the data controller is the Office of the Planning Regulator (OPR).

Purpose for processing

Our purpose in processing your personal data is to compile a range of opinions regarding career pathways in planning in Ireland from:

- Graduate Planners (Recruited within the last 24 Months);
- Accredited Planners working abroad; and
- Planners living in Ireland who may rejoin the Profession.

Lawful basis for processing

The lawful basis for processing your personal data is the performance of a task carried out in the public interest (article 6.1 (e) of the GDPR).

Section 549(2) the Planning and Development Act 2024 provides that the Office shall conduct research in relation to matters relevant to its functions as well as such other matters as may be requested by the Minister.

Data that we use

In order to recruit participants for focus groups and participants for one-to-one in depth interviews as part of this research, we require your first and last name, email address and if relevant, the organisation that you work in.

How we collect your data

We collect the data through our direct engagement with planners, Higher Education Institute planning departments and planning graduate programmes, local authorities, the Irish Planning Institute and RTPI Ireland.

How we use your data

We use your data to arrange participation in our qualitative research into career pathways in planning in Ireland.

Do we share personal data with any third parties?

The OPR may share your personal data with Coyne Research who are an external market research agency assisting us in delivering this research.

Please see the Coyne Research Privacy Policy [here](#).

How long we keep your data

The OPR will only retain your personal data for as long as it is necessary for the purposes for which they were collected and subsequently processed, and in line with certain statutory requirements, where relevant. When the personal data that we collect is no longer required, we destroy or delete it in a secure manner.

Your rights

Rights you have as a data subject include right of access, right to rectification, right to erasure, right to restriction of processing and right to object.

You also have the right to complain to the Irish Data Protection Commissioner (www.dataprotection.ie) if you consider that your rights under GDPR have been infringed, and you have the right to seek a judicial remedy.

Contacting Us

If you require further information, please contact the OPR's Data Protection Officer, details below:

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