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Making a
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Information Letter – Online Survey – *Making a Warrior*

Purpose of this project

You are invited to take part in an online survey for *Making a Warrior*, a NordForsk-funded research project whose main purpose includes an investigation of how and where academic knowledge on vikings is disseminating, to whom, and what kind of reception and understanding this creates.

Which institution is responsible for the research project?

The University of Oslo (Norway) is responsible for the project as data controller.

Why are you being asked to participate?

This project seeks to obtain the views of a broad range of audiences on vikings and viking warriorhood. You are being asked to participate as an adult interested in the Viking Age and its peoples.

What does participation involve for you?

If you choose to take part, this will involve an online survey of approximately 20-25 minutes. You will be asked about your personal views on vikings and viking warriorhood, as well as their relationship to popular culture and academic research. Your responses will be anonymised, and you will not be recognisable in any publication arising from this research.

Participation is voluntary

Participation in this survey is entirely voluntary. If you choose to participate, you can withdraw your consent at any time without giving a reason. If you exit the survey before completing it, your responses will be deleted. If you choose to withdraw at a later point, all information about you will be made anonymous. There are no negative consequences for you if you choose not to participate, if you do not finish the survey, or if you choose to withdraw at a later time.

Your personal privacy – how we will store and use your personal data

We will only use your personal data for the purpose(s) specified here and we will process your personal data in accordance with data protection legislation (GDPR). Data is collected electronically via the Nettskjema platform – a secure web-based survey tool developed by the University of Oslo – and securely stored on university servers using Services for Sensitive Data (TSD). This data is protected using encryption, access control, two-factor authentication, and strict compliance with the University of Oslo's privacy and data protection guidelines.

No names, contact details, or digital identifiers will be collected, and any and all personal data will be rendered anonymous. This includes any information provided on political opinions and/or religious or philosophical beliefs, which are deemed special categories of personal data.

Participants will not be recognisable in any publication arising from this research. Only authorised team members of the *Making a Warrior*-project will have access to the survey data.

What will happen to your personal data at the end of the research project?

The planned end date of the project is 01/06/2026. Any personal data provided as part of the survey will be anonymised, and all raw survey data deleted by the end of this research project.

Your rights

Note that, as long as you can be identified in the collected data, you have the right to:

- access the personal data that is being processed about you
- request that your personal data is deleted
- request that incorrect personal data about you is corrected/rectified
- receive a copy of your personal data (data portability), and
- send a complaint to the Norwegian Data Protection Authority regarding the processing of your personal data.

What gives us the right to process your personal data?

We will process your personal data based on your explicit consent.

Based on an agreement with the University of Oslo, The Data Protection Services of Sikt – Norwegian Agency for Shared Services in Education and Research – has assessed that the processing of personal data in this project meets requirements in data protection legislation.

Where can I find out more?

For more details on the *Making a Warrior*-project, please see

<https://www.khm.uio.no/english/research/projects/making-a-warrior/>

If you have questions about the project, or want to exercise your rights, please contact:

- The University of Oslo via Dr Marianne Moen (marianne.moen@khm.uio.no)
and Dr Christian Cooijmans (christian.cooijmans@khm.uio.no)
- Our Data Protection Officer, Roger Markgraf-Bye (personvernombud@uio.no)

If you have questions about how data protection has been assessed for this project by Sikt, please contact:

- Email: (personverntjenester@sikt.no) or telephone: +47 73 98 40 40.

Yours sincerely,

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