

DIRECTED BY YOU

Participant Consent, Release & Licence Agreement

WITHOUT SILENCE

1. Purpose and project

Directed by You is a free storytelling series created and produced by Josh Westover / Without Silence. It aims to share lived experiences of disability and health, raise awareness, challenge misconceptions and help others feel less alone.

2. Voluntary participation

Participation is voluntary. The Contributor confirms they have been given an opportunity to understand the project, ask questions and decide freely whether to participate. They may choose not to answer questions or share information they are uncomfortable making public.

3. Age and capacity

The Contributor confirms they are aged 18 or over and have the capacity to understand this agreement and make the decision to participate. If Josh reasonably believes additional safeguards are needed because of vulnerability, communication needs or concerns about capacity, participation may be paused, changed or declined.

4. Recording and contribution

The Contributor gives permission for Josh / Without Silence to record and use their image, likeness, voice, interview, statements, story, photographs and self-recorded footage supplied for Directed by You (the "Contribution"). The Contributor confirms they have the right to provide material they submit.

5. Editing and editorial control

Josh / Without Silence may select, edit, shorten, rearrange, caption, subtitle, translate, colour-grade, sound-design and otherwise technically or editorially modify the Contribution. It may be combined with other footage, photographs, graphics, music, narration and titles. Josh retains editorial control over the final film. The intention is to represent the Contributor fairly and not deliberately create a materially false impression of their story. No particular edit, title, thumbnail, caption, platform, publication date or amount of exposure is guaranteed.

6. Licence and permitted use

The Contributor grants Josh / Without Silence a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free licence to reproduce, edit, adapt, publish, communicate to the public, display and distribute the Contribution as part of Directed by You and its ordinary promotion on the Without Silence website and social-media platforms, including TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube. This includes reasonable trailers, clips, extracts, stills, thumbnails and promotional material. This agreement does not transfer ownership of copyright in material independently created by the Contributor.

7. Non-commercial project and social-media income

Directed by You is intended to be a free, non-commercial storytelling project. Josh / Without Silence does not intend to sell or commercially license the Contributor's individual story as part of this project. The Contributor understands that social-media platforms may operate advertising, creator, rewards or revenue-sharing programmes and that Josh may occasionally receive incidental income from social-media activity involving the project. Such income may be rare, minimal or unavailable and is not the purpose of the project. The Contributor accepts this possibility. Josh does not intend to monetise the series on YouTube.

8. Future commercial use

If Josh wishes to use the Contributor's story for a new commercial purpose outside Directed by You, including selling, licensing or commercially exploiting it to a broadcaster, streamer, production company, publisher or other third party, that proposed use will be discussed separately and will require further agreement before that new commercial exploitation.

9. No payment

Participation is voluntary and unpaid. No fee, royalty, profit share or other payment is promised under this agreement. The social-media income position in section 7 applies.

10. Third-party material and rights

The Contributor confirms, to the best of their knowledge, that they have the necessary rights and permissions for any footage, photographs, documents, recordings, music, artwork or other material they provide. They should not knowingly provide another person's private information or copyrighted material without appropriate permission. Josh may remove, edit, anonymise or decline to publish material where there is a legal, privacy, safeguarding, accuracy or editorial concern.

11. Public and online publication

The Contributor understands that publication may make their story, image, voice and statements available to a potentially worldwide public audience. Content may be shared, reposted, quoted, downloaded, screen-recorded, archived or discussed by others. Josh can control material published through Without Silence but cannot guarantee removal of copies, screenshots, recordings or reposts created by third parties or platforms.

12. Name and credit

Josh / Without Silence may identify the Contributor by their agreed name or description in connection with the project. Credit may vary by platform, format and available space, and a particular placement or format of credit cannot be guaranteed.

13. Withdrawal before publication

Before publication, the Contributor may contact Josh to request that their Contribution not be published. Josh will consider such a request in good faith and, where reasonably practicable before publication, stop using the Contribution. After publication, complete withdrawal may not be possible because of third-party copies, reposts, downloads, archives and platform systems. This does not remove any rights the Contributor has under applicable data-protection law or other mandatory law.

14. No guarantee of publication

Signing this agreement does not guarantee publication. Josh may delay, edit further, withdraw or decide not to publish a contribution for editorial, practical, technical, legal, safety, welfare or other legitimate reasons.

15. Welfare and safeguarding

Josh aims to treat Contributors fairly and respectfully. Discussing disability, illness, trauma or difficult experiences may be emotionally challenging. Directed by You is not a medical, therapeutic, legal, financial or crisis-support service. Josh may stop or postpone participation where there is a reasonable concern about welfare, safety, coercion, exploitation, vulnerability or informed agreement.

16. No promised outcome

Participation does not guarantee publicity, employment, funding, treatment, support, advocacy outcomes, increased followers, financial benefit or any other personal or professional outcome.

17. Allegations, privacy and defamation risks

The Contributor understands that statements about identifiable third parties can create legal and ethical issues. They should distinguish personal experience and opinion from allegations presented as fact and avoid unnecessarily revealing another person's private information. Josh may remove, edit, anonymise or decline to publish material where there is a legal or privacy concern.

18. Data protection and sensitive information

The Contributor understands that their Contribution may contain personal information and special-category information such as health or disability information. Josh / Without Silence will handle personal information in accordance with applicable UK data-protection law and the Without Silence Privacy Notice. Where explicit consent is relied upon for special-category processing, the Contributor's consent will be specific and informed and may be withdrawn in accordance with applicable law.

19. Mandatory legal rights

Nothing in this agreement is intended to exclude or limit any right or liability that cannot lawfully be excluded or limited under UK law.

20. Governing law

This agreement is intended to be governed by the law of England and Wales, subject to any mandatory legal rights or jurisdiction that cannot lawfully be excluded.

21. Contributor confirmation

By signing below, the Contributor confirms that they have read and understood this agreement, understand the public nature of the project, understand the social-media income position, understand that publication is not guaranteed, have had an opportunity to ask questions, and voluntarily agree to the permissions and terms set out above.

Contributor details and signatures

Full name: _____

Preferred / on-screen name: _____

Email: _____

Date of birth: _____ Confirmed 18+: YES / NO

Date: _____

Contributor signature: _____

Producer / representative: _____

Producer signature: _____

Explicit consent — health/disability information

I expressly consent to the processing and publication of information about my health/disability contained in my Contribution for the specific purposes described in this Agreement and the Without Silence Privacy Notice. I understand what I am consenting to and understand that I may withdraw consent where applicable, subject to the limits explained in the Agreement and applicable law.

Initials: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT: This is a comprehensive starting template, not a guarantee of legal immunity. Because the project involves sensitive personal data and public publication, have a UK media/entertainment solicitor review it before first use.