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Information Sheet

Title of Project: A genetic study of individual differences.

This research project has been approved by the University of Cambridge Psychology Research Ethics Committee, project reference: **2013.83**

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Before you decide whether you want to participate in this study, it is important for you to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

We are a research group from the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry at the University of Cambridge, investigating individual differences in thinking styles. This includes profiling people's interests and preferences. This study is testing links between genes and individual differences in thinking styles, such as personality, empathy and problem solving ability.

If you agree to take part in this study, we will ask you to fill out 13 questionnaires online. Each questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. You can stop the questionnaires at any time and complete them at a later date if you wish. You can contact the database manager Paula Smith at any time to request to have your data disposed of, without having to give a reason. These data may be used in a variety of research projects, in an anonymised form.

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part in this study. If you decide to take part, you can print this information sheet and you will be asked to complete an online consent form. It is important that you print and keep your own copy.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Smith by telephone (01223 746046) or email (pls28@medschl.cam.ac.uk).

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