

FIVE-C Network Privacy Policy

This privacy notice is for registered members of the **FIVE-C Network**, which has been set up by the **University of Salford** to accelerate research, collaboration, and innovation in circular economy across five key sectors: Digital, Health, Construction, Fashion & Textiles, and Renewable Energy.

It sets out the ways in which your data is gathered, used, stored and shared. It also explains how long we retain your data and what rights you have in relation to your data under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

What is the FIVE-C Network?

The FIVE-C Network is hosted by the **University of Salford** and supported through collaborative research funding. The network brings together academics, industry practitioners, policymakers, and community representatives to co-create solutions for a regenerative, circular economy.

Where do we get your data from?

When you register as a member of the FIVE-C Network, the University of Salford will ask you to provide certain personal data.

What data do we ask for?

The personal data we will ask you to provide may include:

- Full name
- Email address
- The organisation you work for and your position within that organisation
- Your regional location
- Your gender (optional)
- Your area(s) of expertise
- Your expected contribution to the Network

We will also maintain records of:

- Network activities you choose to take part in
- Any Network funding you are allocated
- Event participation (including dietary or accessibility requirements if you provide them)

What is our legal basis for processing your data?

The University of Salford will act as the **Data Controller** of the personal data you provide.

We process data:

- To fulfil our contract with you, providing access to the benefits of membership of the FIVE-C Network
- Where it is necessary to perform a task in the public interest (e.g. advancing research, innovation, and public engagement in circular economy topics)

How do we use your data?

Your data will be processed for purposes including:

- Creating a secure members' database to support collaboration and knowledge exchange

- Enabling the Network Manager(s) to keep you updated with relevant activities, opportunities, and events
- Maintaining records of your engagement with the Network
- Providing required outputs to funding bodies (anonymised where possible)
- Supporting evaluation of the Network's activities and impact

You will also receive automatic membership to Salford's Centre of Sustainable Innovation (CSI): [Affiliate Zone - Centre for Sustainable Innovation](#), and your profile will be added to the Affiliate Zone: [Our team - Centre for Sustainable Innovation](#). At registration phase you can choose to opt out of becoming a CSI's Affiliate.

You can withdraw from being a member of FIVE-C at any time, in such case we will privately retain your full name and email contact for a period of 5 years to track historical memberships and will permanently delete all your other personal information. After the 5-year period, we will permanently delete all data in relation to your membership.

Who do we share your data with?

Your personal data will be stored securely by the University of Salford. In some cases, anonymised or aggregated data may be shared with research councils, government agencies, or partner organisations as part of project reporting.

Personal information will **not** be shared with third parties for marketing purposes.

How do we keep your data secure?

The University of Salford takes information security seriously and has implemented appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect personal data. More details can be found in the University's [Privacy Notice](#).

International transfers

If in certain circumstances it is necessary to transfer your data outside the UK/EEA, the University of Salford will ensure appropriate safeguards are in place in compliance with Data Protection Law.

How long will we keep your data?

Your data will be retained for as long as the FIVE-C Network is active and for a further period where legally or contractually required (e.g. for audit purposes). Any personal data no longer required will be securely deleted within six months of the retention period ending.

What rights do you have?

Under GDPR, you have rights including:

- Access to your data
- Rectification of inaccurate information
- Erasure (in certain circumstances)
- Restriction or objection to processing (in certain circumstances)
- Data portability (where applicable)

You can amend your personal details at any time by contacting the Network Manager.

Questions or concerns

If you have any questions about this privacy notice or concerns about how your data is being processed, please contact the **FIVE-C Network Manager** at:

 sustainable-innovation@salford.ac.uk

You can also contact the University of Salford's Data Protection mailbox at:

 dataprotection@salford.ac.uk

Right to complain

If you are unhappy with how your data is being handled, you have the right to complain to the UK Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). See <https://ico.org.uk/concerns> for more information.

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