Rethinking Economics Privacy Notice

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Our full privacy policy can be read below but the main points of Rethinking Economics’ privacy policy to note are:

- We will only ever ask for what we really need to know.
- We will collect and use the personal data that you share with us transparently, honestly and fairly.
- We will always respect your choices around the data that you share with us and the communication channels that you ask us to use.
- We will put appropriate security measures in place to protect the personal data that you share.
- We will never sell your data.

Who are we?

We are Rethinking Economics Post-Crash Economics (“Rethinking Economics”) (Registered UK Charity Number 1158972) an international network of local groups, students, academics, professionals and members of the public building a better economics in society and the classroom. Through a mixture of campaigning, events and engaging projects, we connect people globally to discuss and enact the change needed for the future of economics, and to propel the vital debate on what economics is today.

This Privacy Policy (“Policy”) sets out our data collection and processing practices and your options regarding how your personal information is used.

We may change this Policy from time to time so please check this page occasionally to ensure that you’re happy with any changes. By using our website and subscribing to our newsletter, you’re agreeing to be bound by this Policy.

The provision of your personal data to us is voluntary. However, without providing us with your personal data, you will be unable to stay informed or have the opportunity to get involved with our campaign efforts to rethink economics.

1. How we use the information to help us run our charity effectively:

We may use your information to:

- process orders that you have submitted;
- carry out our obligations arising from any transactions or sales contracts you have entered into by you and us;
- notify you of changes to our organisation;
- send you communications which you have requested or information about a project you have enquired about, or any of our other activities which we think might interest you;
- process a job application;
- conduct research into the impact of our campaigns;
2. What information do we collect?

The type and amount of information we collect depends on why you are providing it.

We are a membership based organisation and so in order to function we ask members to provide a range of information about themselves. This usually includes name, email address and information regarding your location, level of educational and/or employment status, as well as which projects and why you’d like to get involved. We do so in order to adequately inform and shape our campaigns, and so we can best design volunteering opportunities.

However, we may request other information where it is appropriate and relevant, for example if we are processing an order that you have submitted or reimbursing any submitted expense receipts incurred as part of volunteering with us. This additional information might include:

(1) details of the Rethinking Economics activity in which you were involved.

(2) your physical address.

(3) your bank details or debit/credit card details.

(4) information about your computer and about your visits to and use of this website including your IP address, geographical location, browser type, referral source, length of visit and number of page views;

(5) information about the services you use, services and products of interest to you or any marketing and/or communication preferences you give;

(6) and/or if you are a job applicant the information you are asked to provide is as set out in the application and necessary for the purposes of considering the application;

(7) any other information shared with us in relation to the different purposes set out above.

Do we process sensitive personal information?

Applicable law recognises certain categories of personal information as sensitive and therefore requiring more protection, including health information, ethnicity and political opinions. In limited cases, we may collect sensitive personal data about you. We would only collect sensitive personal data if there is a clear reason for doing so; and will only do so with your explicit consent.

Data Controller

Rethinking Economics is represented through its nominated individual, the Data Controller, who determines for what purposes personal information is held, will be used for. They are also responsible for notifying the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) of the data Rethinking Economics holds or is likely to hold, and the general purposes that this data will be used for, subject to any exemption to register with the ICO relevant to this organisation.
3. Communications and marketing

Where you have provided us with your physical address, we may contact you by post; and where you have provided appropriate consent, also by telephone and e-mail, with targeted communications to let you know about our events and/or activities that we consider may be of particular interest; about the work of Rethinking Economics; and to ask for support.

4. Third-party payments

We may pass your information to our third-party service providers, agents subcontractors and other associated organisations for the purposes of completing tasks and providing services to you on our behalf (for example to process accreditations or send you mailings).

These third parties have access to your Personal Information only to perform these specific tasks on our behalf and are obligated not to disclose or use it for any other purpose.

5. Children’s data

We do not knowingly process data of any person under the age of 16. If we come to discover, or have reason to believe, that you are 15 and under and we are holding your personal information, we will delete that information within a reasonable period and withhold our services accordingly.

6. Other disclosures

We will disclose your Personal Information where required to do so by law or in accordance with an order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or if we believe that such action is necessary to comply with the law and the reasonable requests of law enforcement or to protect the security or integrity of the work of Rethinking Economics.

International Transfer

Your information, including Personal Information, may be transferred to — and maintained on — computers located outside of the European Union, in areas of other governmental jurisdiction where data protection laws may differ from those of your home jurisdiction. This is because we work with trusted suppliers, for example our mailing list software which is a US-based company.

If you are located outside the European Union and choose to provide information to us, please note that we may transfer the information, including Personal Information, to the European Union and process it there.

Your consent to this Privacy Policy followed by your submission of such information represents your agreement to that transfer.

In the event that a dispute arises with regards to the international transfer of data, you agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the matter.

7. Security of and access to your personal data
We endeavour to ensure that there are appropriate and proportionate technical and organisational measures to prevent the loss, destruction, misuse, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, your personal information. Databases and documents holding personal data are securely stored, your information is only accessible by appropriately trained staff, volunteers, trustees, and contractors. Unauthorised personnel are never given access to this information.

The security of your Personal Information is important to us but remember that no method of transmission over the Internet, or method of electronic storage is 100% secure. While we strive to use commercially acceptable means to protect your Personal Information, we cannot guarantee its absolute security. As such we make no warranties as to the level of security afforded to your data, except that we will always act in accordance with the relevant UK and EU legislation.

Otherwise than as set out in this Privacy Policy, we will only ever share your data with your informed consent.

8. Your rights and how consent works

You have a choice about whether or not you wish to receive information from us. If order to receive communications from us about the vital work we do and our exciting projects and campaigns, then you must complete our Become a Rethinker survey. If, in the future, you no longer wish to you have the right to withdraw your consent at any time.

This includes the right to ask us to stop using your personal information for direct campaign purposes or to be unsubscribed from our email list at any time. You also have the following rights:

(1) Right to be informed – you have the right to be told how your personal information will be used. This Policy and other policies and statements used on our website and in our communications are intended to provide you with a clear and transparent description of how your personal information may be used.

(2) Right of access – you can write to us to ask for confirmation of what information we hold on you and to request a copy of that information. Provided we are satisfied that you are entitled to see the information requested and we have successfully confirmed your identity, as from 25 May 2018, we will have 30 days to comply with such a request.

(3) Right of erasure – as from 25 May 2018, you can ask us for your personal information to be deleted from our records. In many cases we would propose to suppress further communications with you, rather than delete it.

(4) Right of rectification – if you believe our records of your personal information are inaccurate, you have the right to ask for those records to be updated.

(5) Right to restrict processing – you have the right to ask for processing of your personal data to be restricted if there is disagreement about its accuracy or legitimate usage.

(6) Right to data portability – to the extent required by the General Data Protection Regulations (“GDPR”) where we are processing your personal information (i) under your consent, (ii) because such processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are party or to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract or (iii) by automated means, you may ask us to provide it to you – or another service provider – in a machine-readable format.
To exercise these rights, please send a description of the personal information in question using the contact details in section 13 below.

Where we consider that the information with which you have provided us does not enable us to identify the personal information in question, we may ask you for (i) personal identification and/or (ii) further information.

Please note that some of these rights only apply in limited circumstances. For more information, we suggest that you consult ICO guidance – [https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation).

You are further entitled to make a complaint about us or the way we have processed your data to the Information Commissioner’s Office (“ICO”). For further information on how to exercise this right, please see the guidance at [https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/personal-information](https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/personal-information). The contact details of the ICO can be found here: [https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us](https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us).

9. Lawful processing

We are required to have one or more lawful grounds to process your personal information. Only 4 of these are relevant to us:

(1) Consent

We will ask for your consent to use your information to send you electronic communications such as newsletters and fundraising emails, for targeted advertising, and if you ever share sensitive personal information with us.

(2) Contractual relationships

Most of our interactions with subscribers and website users are voluntary and not contractual. However, sometimes it will be necessary to process personal information so that we can enter contractual relationships with people. For example, if you apply for employment or to volunteer with us, or if you purchase something via our online shop.

(3) Legal obligations

Sometimes we will be obliged to process your personal information due to legal obligations which are binding on us. We will only ever do so when strictly necessary.

(4) Legitimate interests

Applicable law allows personal information to be collected and processed if it is reasonably necessary for our legitimate activities (as long as its use is fair, balanced and does not unduly impact individuals’ rights).

We will rely on this ground to process your personal data when it is not practical or appropriate to ask for consent.

When we use your personal information, we will consider if it is fair and balanced to do so and if it is within your reasonable expectations. We will balance your rights and our legitimate interests to ensure that we use your personal information in ways that are not unduly intrusive or unfair in other ways.
Vital Interests

Applicable law allows personal information to be processed if necessary to protect someone’s life.

If we can reasonably protect your vital interests in another way, your personal details will not be used in this way.

10. Data retention

In general, unless still required in connection with the purpose(s) for which it was collected and/or is processed, we remove your personal information from our records five years after the date it was collected. However, if before that date (i) your personal information is no longer required in connection with such purpose(s), (ii) we are no longer lawfully entitled to process it or (iii) you ask us to delete it we will remove it from our records at the relevant time.

In the event that you ask us to stop sending you direct marketing/fundraising/other electronic communications, we will keep your name on our internal suppression list to ensure that you are not contacted again.

We review our retention periods for personal information on a regular basis (see item 11 of this Privacy Statement). We are legally required to hold some types of information to fulfil our statutory obligations (for example the collection of Gift Aid). You can request to remove your personal information at any time by emailing info@rethinkeconomics.org.

11. Policy amendments

We keep this Privacy Policy under regular review and reserve the right to update from time-to-time by posting an updated version on our website, not least because of changes in applicable law. We recommend that you check this Privacy Policy occasionally to ensure you remain happy with it. We may also notify you of changes to our privacy policy by email.

12. Third party websites

We link our website directly to other sites. This Privacy Policy does not cover external websites and we are not responsible for the privacy practices or content of those sites. We encourage you to read the privacy policies of any external websites you visit via links on our website.

13. Updating information

You can check the personal data we hold about you, and ask us to update it where necessary, by emailing us at info@rethinkeconomics.org.

14. Contact

Please let us know if you have any queries or concerns whatsoever about the way in which your data
is being processed by either emailing the Data Protection Officer at info@rethinkeconomics.org.

or by writing to us at the following address:

Data Protection Officer
Rethinking Economics
Bridge 5 Mill
22A Beswick St
Manchester
M4 7HR

15. Glossary of terms

Data Controller – The person who (either alone or with others) decides what personal information Rethinking Economics will hold and how it will be held or used.

Data Protection Officer – The person(s) responsible for ensuring that Rethinking Economics follows its data protection policy and complies with GDPR.

Processing – means collecting, amending, handling, storing or disclosing personal information.

Personal Information – Information about living individuals that enables them to be identified – e.g. name and address. It does not apply to information about organisations, companies and agencies but applies to named persons, such as individual volunteers or employees within Rethinking Economics.

Sensitive data – refers to data about: Racial or ethnic origin; Political affiliations; Religion or similar beliefs; Trade union membership; Physical or mental health; Sexuality; Criminal record or proceedings.