Communication and Media Consent Policy

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We love to celebrate our community, and photos, video and audio help us share what we build together. We also know that being seen is not always safe. For Black, queer, trans, undocumented and many other people in our community, a photo posted without permission can bring real harm. So at AfricanIntellect.club, **your image is yours.**

This policy covers photos, video, audio and livestreams taken at club events, at events we host with partners, and in our online spaces.

1. We ask first

- **We ask your permission before we take your photo or make a digital recording of you,** and before we use your name or likeness in any public or private promotional, marketing or communications material.
- That includes our website, social media, newsletters, Blknws, flyers, videos, grant applications and reports, and materials we share with partners and funders.
- **Saying no is always okay,** and it will never affect your welcome at our events.
- **Consent can be specific.** You can say yes to a photo but no to your name, yes to our website but no to social media, or yes to one event and not the next. Tell us what works for you and we'll follow it.

2. How it works at events

- Hosts announce at the start of events when someone is taking photos or recording for the club.
- If you don't want to be photographed or recorded, tell the host or the photographer. We will keep you out of the frame, and if you end up in a shot anyway, we won't use it.
- **Recorded sessions** (like trainings and workshops we record to share with future organizers) are announced in advance. We'll let you know how to take part off camera, and we'll blur or cut anyone who asks.
- **Children and youth under 18:** we ask a parent or guardian before we photograph, record or post a young person.

- **Some spaces are camera-free.** Healing circles, mediations, accountability conversations, and any space a host names as private are never photographed or recorded.

3. When you take photos

We ask everyone at our events to follow the same practice:

- Ask before you photograph or record someone, and before you post them.
- Don't post anyone who said no, and take a post down if someone asks.
- Never record someone in a vulnerable moment, or in a way that could out them, without their clear yes.

Photographing or posting people against their wishes is harassment under our **Community Agreements.**

4. Changing your mind

You can withdraw your consent at any time.

Send a request to marketing@africanintellect.club to retract your consent for any future marketing materials that use your name or likeness. Tell us your name, and if you can, the event or the photo you're asking about.

Once we receive your request, we will:

- stop using your name and likeness in any future marketing materials
- remove you from the photos and posts on our website and the social media accounts we control
- confirm by email when it's done

We can't recall printed materials that have already been handed out, or control copies other people have saved or reshared, but we will help you ask partners to take down posts that came from us.

5. How we take care of media

- We store club photos and recordings in club accounts, not on personal social media.
- We don't sell photos or recordings of you, and we don't give them to anyone for their own advertising.
- We credit photographers and artists by name when they want to be credited.

Standing on the shoulders of

This policy grows from the community safety work of Black and queer organizers, especially the **Audre Lorde Project's Safe OUTside the System Collective,** which teaches that safety for LGBTSTGNC people of color means self-determination and protection from exposure, and from **consent culture in Black and queer community spaces,** where "ask before you post" is a shared agreement.

Contact: marketing@africanintellect.club · africanintellect.club