

# Privacy Policy

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## 1. Introduction

At NWU Vaal GKSS (“we”, “us”, or “our”), protecting your privacy is our top priority. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, disclose, and safeguard your personal information when you become a member of our website located at <https://nwu-vaal-gkss.netlify.app>. Please read this policy carefully.

## 2. Information We Collect

When you register as a member, we collect the following information:

- **Email Address:** Used for communication, account management, and notifications.
- **Name and Surname:** These details are publicly displayed on your profile.
- **Date of Birth:** Collected for age verification and will be publicly displayed on your birthday.
- **Gender:** This information is kept private and not publicly shared.
- **Qualification:** Displayed publicly on your profile.
- **Year of Study:** Displayed publicly on your profile.
- **Tech Skills:** Collected for administrative purposes and profile management; this information is accessible only by site administrators.
- **Interests:** Used by administrators to tailor content, events, and community engagement.
- **Profile Picture:** Required to complete your membership profile.

### 3. How We Use Your Information

We use the collected information to:

- Create and manage your account.
- Display public profile information (name, surname, qualification, and year of study).
- Publicly share your date of birth on your birthday.
- Provide personalized content, event recommendations, and community features.
- Enable administrators to review and enhance member profiles based on tech skills and interests.
- Communicate important updates, promotions, or changes to our services.

### 4. Disclosure of Your Information

Your personal information may be shared under the following circumstances:

- **Public Profile:** Your name, surname, qualification, and year of study will be visible to all users.
- **Birthday Display:** Your date of birth will be publicly shown on your profile only on your birthday.
- **Administrative Use:** Tech skills and interests are accessible exclusively by our site administrators for the purpose of managing community activities and improving our services.
- **Third-Party Service Providers:** We may share your information with trusted third-party providers who assist us in operating the website, provided they adhere to confidentiality obligations.
- **Legal Requirements:** We may disclose your information if required by law or in response to valid legal requests.

## **5. Data Security**

We implement a variety of security measures to protect your personal information. While we strive to use commercially acceptable means to protect your data, no method of electronic transmission or storage is completely secure.

## **6. Data Retention**

We retain your personal information for as long as your account remains active or as necessary to fulfill the purposes described in this Privacy Policy. If you wish to delete your account or request removal of your data, please contact us using the information provided below.

## **7. Your Rights**

You have the right to access, correct, or delete your personal information at any time. You can manage your profile settings directly through your account or contact us for assistance.

## **8. Changes to This Privacy Policy**

We reserve the right to update or modify this Privacy Policy at any time. Any changes will be posted on this page along with an updated effective date. Your continued use of our website after such changes will constitute your acceptance of the updated policy.

## **9. Contact Us**

If you have any questions, concerns, or requests regarding this Privacy Policy or our data practices, please contact us at:

**Email:** [gkssvaal@gmail.com](mailto:gkssvaal@gmail.com)

## **10. Consent**

By using our website, you consent to the collection and use of your personal information as described in this Privacy Policy.