## Application form for the project “transhumanism and the real challenges for youth” in Zürich, Switzerland from 23 April to 29 april 23

Please answer the following questions in the application form. There are no “perfect answers”, just try your best and explain your thoughts and opinions with your own words (this could be philosophical, ethical, or social perspectives).

If the application is successful, the personal details will be used for organisational purposes for the duration of the project. The applications of participants as well as their personal data will be deleted immediately in case of rejection.

Send the filled application form as a PDF to info@transeducation.ch until February 5th. Thank you for your time! See you soon in Zürich, Switzerland.

**Questions for the Participants**

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| **First Name** |  |
| **Last Name** |  |
| **Age** |  |
| **Gender** |  |
| **Country of residence**  |  |
| **Phone Number** |  |
| **Mail address**  |  |
| **Organization (employer)** |  |
| **Position/Profession** |  |
| **Highest School diploma** |  |
| **How got you know from the project?** |  |
| **Project experience****(Own projects, participation)** |  |
| **Individual outcomes – what’s the next step for you related to the project topic?** |  |

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| Please answer the following questions (max. 500 words/answer): |
| 1. Please take your time and watch the YouTube Vide “PostHuman: An Introduction to Transhumanism” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTMS9y8OVuY>). What kind of feelings come up at you, when you watch the production of the British Institute of Posthuman Studies?
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| Your answer:  |
| 1. Physics says: There is no event without a cause (causality).

Galatians 6:7, [ESV](http://www.christianbook.com/page/bibles/translations/esv?navcat=Bibles|Translations|ESV) (English Standard Version of the Bible) says: “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.” But this principle only makes sense if man is free to choose what he sows. What does free choice mean to you? |
| Your answer: |
| 1. Transhumanists claim that we are already all transhumanists because some of us can no longer imagine a life without smartphones or other smart devices. Are they right? Do we only feel complete today when we wear digital support on our bodies?
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| Your answer:  |
| 1. Please watch the video on YouTube with the title: *Etisalat unveils microchip implant at Gitex Technology Week in Dubai* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGk612FXsmI>) by Khaleej Times. The CEO of BIOHAX Jowan Osterlund promises here, that you get rid of your wallet, keys, change and papers with a microchip. What do you think about a rice sized chip implant in your body for saving your data?
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| Your answer: |
| 1. What do you think about this Brain-Chip-Implant from Neuralink? (<https://neuralink.com/approach/>)

“We’re aiming to design a fully implantable, cosmetically invisible brain-computer interface to let you control a computer or mobile device anywhere you go.”Micron-scale threads would be inserted into areas of the brain that control movement. Each thread contains many electrodes and connects them to an implant called the “Link.” |
| Your answer: |
| 1. Designer babies are currently only an issue for the rich and privileged who can afford them. What are the advantages or disadvantages of genetically designing/manipulating the births of the future?
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| Your answer: |
| 1. Transhumanists want to prevent ageing and dying. Imagine you were talking to your best friend about this topic, which arguments speak for and which against eternal life?
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| Your answer: |
| 1. Yuval Noah Hariri wrote in his book (Chapter 18 – Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind):

*“The Industrial Revolution turned the timetable and the assembly line into a template for almost all human activities. Shortly after factories imposed their timeframes on human behavior, schools too adopted precise timetables, followed by hospitals, government offices, and grocery stores. Even in places devoid of assembly lines and machines, the timetable became king.”* (For more <https://www.ynharari.com/topic/science-and-religion/>) Based on your own life, is the human being suited to a busy life? |
| Your answer: |
| 1. Ahmed Raza Khan translate the Quran Verse 30:30 like that:

*“Therefore set your attention for obeying Allah, devoted solely to Him; the foundation set by Allah, upon which He created man; do not change what Allah has created; this is the proper religion – but most people do not know.”*When you read this, what do you think is meant by “do not change what Allah/God has created”?  |
| Your answer:  |
| 1. Artificial intelligence is learning every day and, at least in Switzerland, can take over simple support requests from all online services. In the future, AI will be used in all areas of life, which is why a lot of research is being done in this area. (Further information on the topic can be found here <https://openai.com/blog/chatgpt/>

What advantages or disadvantages do you see in this development? |
| Your answer:  |