

Research project: Research methods and oppositional knowledge.

Participant Information Sheet

About this study

This study is part of my research on the PgCert Academic Practice in Art, Design and Communication at UAL.

I am conducting an enquiry into how Western, imperial models of research can be challenged and de-centered. I am interested in stage 1 student understandings of what constitutes research.

My study will document student attitudes to research. The methodology will be qualitative: taking a responsive evaluation approach. This will consist of a group discussion/ reflection where students can vocalise, write or draw responses to a question I will ask. Responses will be analysed thematically.

What does it mean to take part?

If you take part you are consenting to taking part in three group discussions and two research trips. The research trips also form part of unit 2 so are already in your timetable. The discussion may take between 20-30 minutes during class time, in the next three Thursday sessions. The final discussion will take place in class at 12:20 on Friday 1st Dec. I will ask students to vocalise, write or draw responses to set questions I ask them. The data will be used as the basis for academic analysis.

If you choose to take part, you will be free to withdraw your participation at any point. You will not be obliged to give any reason for deciding not to take part.

Will my participation be kept confidential?

Your anonymity is very important. The information about you will be confidential to me, as the researcher. You will not be identified individually anywhere in the research. If I quote anything you have said in an interview, it will be anonymous. An example might be: 'Student A said 'The project is...''

What will happen to the results of the research project?

Analysis from the group discussion, drawings and written notes- including quotations from you – will contribute to an academic dissertation. Your words may also be used in academic reports, papers or conference presentations and a blog. These may appear online.

Thank you for your contribution and participation in this study.

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