

PERFORM: Participatory Engagement with Scientific and Technological Research through Performance

Informed Consent Form for Project Participants

Information for participants

The PERFORM consortium is conducting a research project involving performers and science facilitators from within the consortium as participants. This form is intended to gather informed consent for this research participation.

Through the PERFORM project we want to explore and assess the effectiveness of innovative science education methods based on performing arts in stimulating secondary school students' engagement in Science, Technology, Environment and Mathematics subjects (STEM). For that purpose, we will conduct a participatory action research involving secondary school students, teachers and early career researchers in an active inquiry process on relevant scientific topics through the use of performing arts at schools. The PERFORM project will systematically monitor and assess the educational process and activities in a broad time framework, including assessment pre, during and post performance. The assessment will provide an analysis of the potential impacts on girls' and boys' cognitive and behavioural changes towards science and related careers.

This research is funded by the European Commission through a Grant to Isabel Ruiz-Mallén (UOC). The University of Warwick and Autonomous University of Barcelona will be leading on this part of the research, as part of the consortium for this project. This study is being conducted in a total of twelve secondary schools in France, Spain, and UK by using a case study approach.

To collect the information we need, participants will be actively involved in a set of participatory workshops in which students will engage in collectively reflection and dialogue about STEM and relevant scientific topics with early career researchers, systematically assessed by researchers. The participatory workshops will be recorded in video and audio formats so that researchers can compare interventions over time and track processes within. You will be asked to contribute data on social media, by survey, interview and recording of activities (The assessment will also include a social media analysis of participants' interventions related to the study in social platforms). The study will not be gathering or publicising private personal information or using secretive methods to gain access to social media data. The data generated in this study will be used for research and related purposes.

The PERFORM consortium will treat any personal information and data with the highest level of consideration, courtesy, privacy and ethical practice according to the corresponding national and European legal and ethical requirements.

Informed consent

We are asking for your participation, because your data will be included in the PERFORM project based on your role in project activities and social media engagement. You do not have to participate if you do not wish so, and you are welcome to decline to proceed at any time. Participation in this study is strictly voluntary. There

are no formal penalties to people who decide not to participate, or who started to participate and later decided to withdraw.

Data from this project will only be available to the project's key personnel. Data are confidential by default.

Isabel Ruiz-Mallén is the responsible principal investigator for the project, and you may ask her any questions about the project or the procedures. You can also write to her at the Internet Interdisciplinary Institute, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, 08860 Castelldefels, Spain. You may also call at 00 34 93 2535743 or send an e-mail to iruiz_mallen@uoc.edu. If you have questions about your legal rights as a research subject, you may contact: ceeah@uab.cat.

You will be given a copy of this form to keep. By agreeing to participate and giving consent, you are not waiving any of your legal rights, claims, or remedies. You will keep the right to withdraw from the project at any moment, without explanations or further consequences. You may sign the form yourself or ask for someone else to sign on your behalf. If you prefer we can record your consent to participate by tape recording it.

I have read (or someone has read to me) the information in the consent form. I have had an opportunity to ask questions and all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. By signing this consent form, I willingly agree to participate in this study.

Name of participant (type or print): Leanne Cunn.

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Signature

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Date (must be signed prior to entry)