**Edinburgh Napier University Research Consent Form**

Edinburgh Napier University requires that all persons who participate in research studies give their written consent to do so. Please read the following and sign it if you agree with what it says.

1. I freely and gladly consent to be a participant in the research project on the topic of .....................................................................................................................to be conducted by ......................................................................., based at the School of Arts and Creative Industries, Edinburgh Napier University.

2. The broad goal of this research study is to explore ............................................... Specifically, I have been asked to [fill in a survey/be interviewed/participate in a focus group], which should take no longer than ........... minutes to complete.

3. I have been told that my responses will be anonymised, unless I waive my right to anonymity. My name will therefore not be linked with the research materials, and I will not be identified or identifiable in any report subsequently produced by the researcher. Participating in this study will in no way affect [my marks/grades/references].

4. I also understand that if at any time during the [survey/interview/focus group] I feel unable or unwilling to continue, I am free to leave. That is, my participation in this study is completely voluntary, and I may withdraw without negative consequences. However, after data has been anonymised or after publication of results it will not be possible for my data to be removed as it would be untraceable at this point.

5. In addition, should I not wish to answer any particular question or questions, I am free to decline.

6. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions regarding the research and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

7. I have read and understand the above and consent to participate in this study. My signature is not a waiver of any legal rights. Furthermore, I understand that I will be able to keep a copy of the informed consent form for my records.

Participant’s Signature Date

I have explained and defined in detail the research procedure in which the respondent has consented to participate. Furthermore, I will retain one copy of the informed consent form for my own records.

Researcher’s Signature Date