

## Edinburgh Napier University Research Consent Form - Staff

### Digital Support Partnership Research Project

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 voluntarily consent to be a participant in the research project on the topic of my experience of being a member of staff during the academic year 2020-19 at Edinburgh Napier University to be conducted by Dr Louise Drumm, who is a staff member at Edinburgh Napier University.
2. The broad goal of this research study is to explore the experience of teaching and supporting learning in and blended environments. Specifically, I have been asked to complete a survey/contribute to discussion in a focus group, which should take no longer than 10 minutes (survey) or 1 hour to complete (focus group), or I have been asked to for consent to use my contribution in the Moodle Help! Community or MS Teams project site to be used as material for the research.
3. I have been told that my responses will be anonymised. My name will not be linked with the research materials, and I will not be identified or identifiable in any report subsequently produced by the researcher.
4. I also understand that if at any time during the survey/focus group I feel unable or unwilling to continue, I am free to stop or leave. That is, my participation in this study is completely voluntary, and I may withdraw from it 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 survey/focus group/use of my online contributions 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.

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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 records.



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Researcher's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If you are struggling emotionally or with isolation you will find on the following pages a range of information, resources and support.

<https://staff.napier.ac.uk/services/hr/workingattheUniversity/healthandwellbeing/Pages/healthandwellbeing.aspx>