

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS



Ethical Clearance Reference Number: MRA-23/24-42042

INFORMATION SHEET – SURVEY PARTICIPATION

Title of study: Mapping PhD infrastructure and provision in Creative Economies across ARUA

Invitation Paragraph

I would like to invite you to participate in this research project, which explores the provision of PhD-level education across ARUA universities in fields and disciplines connected to creative economies. Before you decide whether you want to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what your participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask me if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of the study is to collect data on provision of PhD level education across ARUA universities in fields and disciplines connected to creative economies

Why have I been invited to take part?

You are being invited to participate in this study as an academic, in an ARUA university, involved in the provision of PhD level education across ARUA universities in fields and disciplines connected to creative economies.

What will happen if I take part?

If you agree to take part, you will be asked to complete an online survey.

Do I have to take part?

Participation is completely voluntary. You should only take part if you want to, and choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. If you choose to take part, you will be asked to provide your consent. To do this, you will be asked to indicate that you have read and understood the information provided and that you consent to your data being used for the purposes explained.

Returning the completed survey means you consent to take part and for your data to be used as part of the project.

You are free to withdraw at any point during the completion of the survey without having to give a reason. Withdrawing from the study will not affect you in any way. Once you take part in the survey it will no longer be possible to withdraw from the study.

What are the possible risks of taking part?

There are no risks in taking part.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

There are no incentives or direct personal benefits in taking part. However, we hope the resulting report will benefit your department and university too.

Data handling and confidentiality

This research is not anonymous, but rather than identifying individuals, it identifies specific courses within institutions. Your answers will nevertheless be treated confidentially and the information you provide will be shared in aggregate form.

What will happen to the results of the study?

During the survey, you will be invited to also take part in an online short interview to discuss the challenges and opportunities faced by departments and students in these fields. Your participation is entirely voluntary and if you agree, another information sheet and a consent form will be sent to you to clarify the ethics procedure in reference to qualitative interviews undertaken in this project.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The results of the study will be summarised in a report – made available to all participants. The research team hope to also publish some academic journal articles on the topic and using the data collected.

Who should I contact for further information?

If you have any questions or require more information about this study, please contact me using the following contact details:

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What if I have further questions, or if something goes wrong?

If this study has harmed you in any way or if you wish to make a complaint about the conduct of the study you can contact King's College London using the details below for further advice and information:

The Chair, rec@kcl.ac.uk

Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering taking part in this research.