

Informed Consent Information Sheet

Title of research: Toward Good ICT Integration Practice - A comparative case study in two VEC schools of the barriers and enablers.

Chief Investigator: Celia O' Hagan

Before agreeing to participate in this research study, it is important that you read the following information. This information describes the purpose and procedures of this research, as well as your right to withdraw from the study at any time.

This Informed Consent Form has two parts:

- Information Sheet (to share information about the study with you)
- Certificate of Informed Consent (for signatures if you choose to participate)

Information Sheet

Introduction:

You are being asked to participate in a research study being undertaken by Mr. Conor Rooney, a Masters student at University of Ulster. The research aims to study current practices of ICT integration in two schools, Virginia College, Co. Cavan and Inver College, Co. Monaghan and compare the successful integration and what has enabled it and the barriers and what are constraining them.

Participant Selection:

You are being invited to take part in this research because we feel that your experience as a teacher in an ICT environment where it's integration alone is seen as a leader school can contribute much to our understanding where staff feel what the enablers are and where the barriers lie.

Procedures:

The information will be collected through a questionnaire and a small focus group of 6-12 staff from the Maths department and an interview with the ICT co-ordinators of each VEC/school.

Voluntary Participation:

Your participation in this research is entirely voluntary. It is entirely your choice whether to participate or not. Refusal to participate will involve no penalty. Each individual is free to withdraw and discontinue his or her participation in this study at any time.

Confidentiality:

All information gathered from the study will remain confidential. Your identity as a participant will not be disclosed to any unauthorized persons; only the researchers will have access to the research materials, which will be kept securely. Any references to your identity that would compromise your anonymity will be removed or disguised prior to the publication of the research. All research materials will be material destroyed on completion of the research.

Benefits

There are no direct benefits by participating in this study. However, this research is expected to yield valuable insight into where possible barriers lie in your school, what enablers other schools have in place and the future direction of ICT integration in your school whilst also determining if ICT can enhance current teaching and learning experience.

Questions

Participants should forward any questions regarding the study and/or their participation to the researcher at rooney-c11@email.ulster.ac.uk or by calling on +35387 6509 477.

I would like to thank you in advance for taking part in this study, your contribution is greatly valued and appreciated. The outcome of the research will be available to any participant who requests it.

CONSENT FORM

Title of Project

Sub Title where appropriate

Name of Chief Investigator
Please initial

- I confirm that I have been given and have read and understood the information sheet for the above study and have asked and received answers to any questions raised []
- I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without my rights being affected in any way []
- I understand that the researchers will hold all information and data collected securely and in confidence and that all efforts will be made to ensure that I cannot be identified as a participant in the study (except as might be required by law) and I give permission for the researchers to hold relevant personal data []
- I agree to take part in the above study []

Name of Subject

Signature

Date

Name of person taking consent

Signature

Date

Name of researcher

Signature

Date