

Research project: Brave Spaces and Moderating Free Speech

Participant Information Sheet

About this study

This study is part of my research on the PgCert Academic Practice in Art, Design and Communication at UAL.

I am conducting an enquiry into pedagogical practices for free speech in seminars, under the rise of far-right ideologies, autocracies and resistance movements. I am interested in student and staff safety protocols, and experiences of free speech, tools for nonviolent communication and brave space practices in classrooms.

My research will document, evaluate and analyse seminar-based strategies and direct practices through collaborative knowledge collection. The methodology will be qualitative: taking a responsive evaluation approach. This will consist of semi-structured interviews. Responses will be analysed thematically.

What does it mean to take part?

If you take part you are consenting to taking part in 2 semi-structured interviews. The interviews may take between 30-60 minutes. The interviews will take place on Microsoft Teams and will be recorded and transcribed on the program or in-person, recorded on external equipment and transcribed. The data will be used as the basis for academic analysis.

If you choose to take part, you will be free to withdraw your participation at any point. You will not be obliged to give any reason for deciding not to take part.

Will my participation be kept confidential?

Your anonymity is very important. The information about you will be confidential to me, as the researcher. You will not be identified individually anywhere in the research. If I quote anything you have said in an interview, it will be anonymous. An example might be: 'Tutor A said 'The project is...''

What will happen to the results of the research project?

Analysis from the interviews - including quotations from you – will contribute to an academic assessment. Your words may also be used in academic reports, papers, conference presentations and publications. These may appear online.

Thank you for your contribution and participation in this study.

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