



PLAIN LANGUAGE STATEMENT

Innovative Learning Environments and Teacher Change: Strategies for change

You are invited to participate in a focus group workshop about innovative learning environments. The research project is being conducted by a group of researchers led by Associate Professor Wesley Imms of the Melbourne Graduate School of Education at The University of Melbourne. This project has been approved by the University of Melbourne's Human Research Ethics Committee (Program reference: 1647284; Project reference: 1749099).

The research project forms part of the Innovative Learning Environments and Teacher Change (ILETC) project, an Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Project funded for four years from 2016-2020. Led by leading researchers, it brings together the expertise of researchers and partner organizations in education and learning environment design and technology to investigate the use of innovative learning environments (ILEs) in schools. It responds to a broad research question, ***Can altering teacher mind frames unlock the potential of innovative learning environments?***

The aim of the focus group workshop is to gather participants' perspectives on their transition into innovative learning environments. The workshop will be between 60-90 minutes. With your permission, the workshop's discussion may be photographed, video-captured or audio-recorded to ensure that we make an accurate record of what you and others say.

We intend to protect your anonymity and the confidentiality of your responses to the fullest possible extent, within the limits of the law. In the final report, you will be referred to by a pseudonym. We will remove any references to personal information or context that might allow someone to guess your identity. However, you should note that as the number of people in the workshop may be quite small, it is quite possible that someone may identify you.

Once the report arising from this project has been completed, a brief summary of the findings will be available to you on application to the investigators, or from the Melbourne Graduate School of Education. As part of the larger ILETC project, the results will be published in academic journals, books and conferences, regional teacher workshops, a range of teacher resources and summary reports to be published on the ILETC project website (www.iletc.com.au). The data will be kept securely for five years from the completion of the larger ILETC project (including publication and public release) and will be destroyed after this time.

Please be advised that your participation in this study is completely voluntary. Should you wish to withdraw at any stage, or to withdraw any unprocessed data you have supplied, you are free to do so without prejudice.

If you would like to participate, please indicate that you have read and understood this information by accepting the online consent form.

Should you require further information, or have any concerns about the project, please do not hesitate to contact Associate Professor Wesley Imms and/or any of the researchers at the contact details listed below. If you have any queries about the ILETC project, please contact its Project Manager, Dr Sarah Healy, (telephone number: +613 8344 5726, sarah.healy@unimelb.edu.au) Should you have any concerns about the conduct of the project, you are welcome to contact the Executive Officer, Human Research Ethics, The University of Melbourne, on ph: 8344 2073, or fax: 9347 6739.

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