

Research project: Walk Gum and Chew at the same time

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.

To explore ways to improve community building, I am conducting an enquiry into student's experience on BA Design for Art Direction of using Nonviolent Communication (NVC) methods both in and outside the classroom setting. I am interested in student and course team experiences and reflections of using NVC methods across all three years of the course.

My research will document, evaluate and analyse responses to NVC-informed Communication, Collaboration and Shared Leadership workshops. The methodology will be qualitative: taking a responsive evaluation approach. This will consist of a survey and an in-depth focus group with students and members of the course team. Responses will be analysed thematically.

What does it mean to take part?

If you take part you are consenting to participate in workshops as part of your usual timetabled activities, to complete a survey (approx. 10 minutes), and to take part in a focus group should you choose to. The focus group may take between 20-60 minutes. I will audio record the focus group and transcribe it. I will analyse visual data produced in the course of the unit. 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 survey and focus group - including quotations from you – will contribute to an academic dissertation. Your words may also be used in academic reports, papers or conference presentations. These may appear online.

Thank you for your contribution and participation in this study.

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