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INFORMATION SHEET
for SURVEY
PARTICIPANTS

I wish to invite you to participate in my research project, described below.

My name is Louis van Ekert and I am conducting this research as part of my Master's degree in the School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at the University of New England. My supervisor is Dr. Paddy Quinn.

Research Project

The “Say Something in Welsh” language learning method: An investigation of the theoretical foundations and learner experiences

Aim of the Research

The research aims to explore the “Say Something in Welsh” language learning method and to compare it with current theories about how people learn a second language, and to understand how learners feel about the method.

Survey

I would like to invite you to participate in an on-line survey. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes.

Confidentiality

No personal details will be gathered in the course of the survey. No individual will be identified by name in any publication of the results. If you agree I would like to quote some of your responses. This will also be done in a way to ensure that you are not identifiable.

Participation is Voluntary

Please understand that your involvement in this study is voluntary and I respect your right to stop participating in the study at any time without consequence and without needing to provide an explanation, however, once you begin the survey your anonymous data which you have already provided cannot be withdrawn.

Questions

The survey questions will not be of a sensitive nature: rather they are general and will enable me to enhance my knowledge of the learning experiences of users of the “Say Something in Welsh” language learning method.

Use of Information

I will use information from the survey as part of my Master's thesis, which I expect to complete in November 2020. Information from the survey may also be used in academic journal articles and conference presentations before and after this date.

Upsetting Issues

It is unlikely that this research will raise any personal or upsetting issues but if it does you may wish to contact the mental health support services in your area or (in Australia) Lifeline on 13 11 14.

Storage of Information

Data gathered in this survey will initially be secured on Qualtrics, a private provider of survey/research software. Once the survey period has closed the data will be downloaded to cloud.une.edu.au, UNE's centrally managed cloud server managed by the research team. It will also be kept on a password protected computer in the same location. Only the research team will have access to the data.

Disposal of Information

All the data collected in this research will be kept for a minimum of five years after successful submission of my thesis, after which it will be disposed of by deleting relevant computer files. The data will be removed from Qualtrics once the project is complete.

Approval

This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of New England (Approval No HE20-110 Valid to 25/08/2021).

Researchers Contact Details

Feel free to contact me with any questions about this research by email at lvaneker@myune.edu.au

Complaints

You may also contact my supervisor. My Principal supervisor's name is Dr. Paddy Quinn and he can be contacted by email at pquinn4@une.edu.au.

Should you have any complaints concerning the manner in which this research is conducted, please contact:

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Thank you for considering this request and I look forward to further contact with you.

Regards,

Louis van Ekert