

 Participant Information Sheet

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Topic: The Advantages and Disadvantages of Using some ICT tools in Egyptian Classrooms.

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The trial study is undertaken for an Open Study Course (OS2) under the Education Doctorate Program (EdD)

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask me if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Purpose of the study:

The purpose of this study is to fulfill a credit course for the Doctorate in Education which I am doing in the University of Glasgow in Scotland. The course requires us to do a trial study to trial our research methodology that we will use in the dissertation in the next two years. The topic I chose for the trial study is to research teachers’ views on the advantages and disadvantages of using the Egyptian Knowledge Bank (EKB), digital books and tablets which were part of the new educational reforms implemented since 2019 as teaching delivery methods in Secondary classrooms.

You have been chosen to participate because of your experience with the new technology reforms implemented since 2019 and likely to have a first-hand experience with the topic that is being researched.

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw the data you provided before the 10th of June 2024. You do not have to participate in this study if you do not wish to do so. This is required for my own personal studies and is in no way relevant to my role as a professional or yours. Your job is not going to be affected whether you wish to participate or not and the relationship with me is not going to be impacted in anyway based on your decision to participate or not or based on the opinions you provide during the interview or focus group.

The research will involve your participation in either an interview and a focus group, or either one alone. The interview is likely to last for one hour where you will be asked to share your thoughts about the topic with me. The focus group will involve discussing the topic within a group of other teachers and myself and will also last for one hour. Teachers are encouraged not to share the opinions of others outside the focus groups. The sessions will be audio recorded.

The research will last until July 17th, your participation is likely to be needed in the month of May and June. The final findings will be shared with you in order for you to see how your input was used.

All information which is collected about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. You will be identified by a pseudonym (not your real name) and any information about you in the research will have your personal data removed so that you cannot be recognised from it. Anyone reading the results will not have access to your real names only your pseudonyms. I will be the only person who has access to your real names alongside your pseudonyms.

Kindly note that confidentiality is not guaranteed due to the small sample of the participants. Furthermore, any information that entails harm to yourself or others will require to be disclosed in which case I might have to disclose your identity.

Data from the research will not be published or re-used as this is only a trial study. The findings will not be published as this is part of coursework that only the tutors and the examiners have access to. The data will be handled securely and safely. All electronic data will be encrypted, and password protected and saved on One Drive. The recording device will be kept securely in a safe. The de-identified data that contains the audio-transcriptions that is collected as part of the trial will be kept on the University of Glasgow cloud up to 10 years. The data sheet that contains your pseudonyms will be destroyed as soon as the semester is over, at the latest by September 2024.

Your wellbeing is important, that is why you are encouraged not to share any information that has the possibility to cause any distress to you. Furthermore, we will discuss during the interview and focus group how you can get wellbeing support if needed. Additionally, please discuss any distress that might be caused through the research process with me.

The research is done under the supervision of the University of Glasgow.

The project has been reviewed by the College of Social Sciences Ethics Forum.

**Contact for Further Information**

For further information about this study kindly contact me.

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If you have any concerns regarding the conduct of the research project you can contact the **Lead for Ethical Review, College of Social Sciences** on socsci-ethics-lead@glasgow.ac.uk.