

Research project: **Voicing Fashion – Concept Trial**

Participant Information Sheet

About this study

Introduction

You are being invited to take part in a research project as part of an initiative to enhance inclusivity and student autonomy in teaching and learning. Before you decide, it is important to understand why the research is being conducted and what it will involve. Please take the time to read the following information carefully. Feel free to ask any questions if something is unclear or if you would like more details.

What is the purpose of the study?

The aim of this project is to explore alternative approaches to teaching and learning within the Leadership & Management programme at the Fashion Business School (FBS). Specifically, the project focuses on fostering inclusivity, critical thinking, and student autonomy by challenging traditional teaching formats.

The research involves piloting a student-led session format where participants design, plan, and deliver content collaboratively. This study will assess how this approach supports learning, inclusivity, and engagement while providing insights to improve teaching practices and inform future curricular design.

Why have I been invited?

You have been invited to participate because you are enrolled in a unit that includes this pilot intervention. Your experiences, observations, and feedback during the pilot are integral to understanding the effectiveness and impact of the new approach.

What will taking part involve?

Participation in this study will involve:

Observations of your engagement during unit lessons and tutorials, as well as interactions on unit platforms (e.g., Padlets, Moodle communications).

Completion of an anonymised unit survey to gather your perspectives on the teaching approach.

Please note: The observations will focus on the overall learning experience rather than individual performance. Participation does not require any additional work beyond your normal engagement with the unit.

Do I have to take part?

Participation is entirely voluntary. If you choose not to participate, this will not affect your academic progress or standing in any way. You are also free to withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason.

What are the potential benefits of taking part?

By participating, you will contribute to shaping more inclusive and student-centred learning approaches within the programme. You will also have the opportunity to

reflect on your learning process and provide valuable feedback that can inform future teaching practices.

What are the risks of taking part?

There are no anticipated risks associated with participating in this study. All observations and survey responses will be anonymised, ensuring that no identifying information is included in the research outputs.

How will my data be used?

Any data collected during the research will be anonymised and used solely for academic purposes, including reports, presentations, and academic publications. Your name or identifying details will not appear in any research outputs.

Who is conducting the research?

This research is being conducted by Sonia Vega-Pérez, Lecturer and Unit Leader within the Leadership & Management programme at FBS.

Who can I contact for further information?

If you have any questions or concerns about the study, please feel free to contact me:

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Thank you for your contribution and participation in this study.