

# Dublin City University

## Informed Consent Form

*Ethics in a Secondary School Classroom: a study in the use of literature and film in moral formation and ethical inquiry*

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This research aims to:

- (a) Analyse the use of literature and film in ethics education in a discussion based inquiry.
- (b) Promote elements of the development of moral reasoning.
- (c) Explore the responses of participants to a module designed to stimulate reflection on their moral formation.

This research is carried out as part of the study for a MA (research). It is intended that the findings will be made available to interested partners in education, ethics, literature and film.

The requirements of the research have been highlighted in the Plain Language Statement. Requirements include attending classes in the module, the completion of questionnaires, keeping reflective diaries, participation in video recorded assessments of learning, participation in video recorded focus group interviews.

Please complete the following (Circle **Yes** or **No** as appropriate for each question)

I have read the plain language statement	Yes	No
I understand the information provided	Yes	No
I have had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss this study	Yes	No
I have received satisfactory answers to all my questions	Yes	No
I am aware that discussions/interviews will be videoed	Yes	No

I understand that participation in the research is completely voluntary and I may withdraw from the Research Study at any point. Taking part in this research does not affect the assessment of my participation in the module.

I understand the arrangements being made to protect the confidentiality of the data and that this can only be made within the limitations of the law – i.e. it is possible for data to be subject to subpoena, freedom of information claim or mandated by the school child protection policy.

In order to protect anonymity of the participants the principal investigator will treat all data in confidence and that information that may render the participants identifiable will be changed or removed. I understand that the sample size is small (circa. 30 students).

I have read and understood the information in this form. My questions and concerns have been answered by the researchers, and I have a copy of this consent form. Therefore, I consent to take part in this research project.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS): \_\_\_\_\_

Professional/Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Researcher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_