

Consent Form

Research Involving Human Participants

Project Title:

Investigating the impact of new social media on the social behaviour of young people.

Principal Investigator: **Gareth Gibson**

The aim of this proposed research is to investigate the positive and negative effects of the increasing use of new social media on the social behaviour of young people in Ireland. The primary data collection strategy involves the convening of 8 focus groups. The design criteria for the focus groups will be stratified clustering based on the national structures already developed by Youth Work Ireland. Participants will be recruited on the basis of age and gender. The identity of subjects will remain anonymous and information used for the purpose of the research only. The focus group will be recorded and all data gathered will be stored securely and accessed only by the principal researcher and supervisor.

Declaration: I _____, acknowledge that:

- I have been informed about the research and have an opportunity to ask questions
- I consent to partake in this study
- My participation is voluntary
- I can withdraw at any time
- I consent to the publication of results.

Participant's Name: _____

Contact Details:

Signature (if over 18): _____

In the event that the subject is under 18 years, consent must be submitted by the parent or guardians, acknowledging that the issues covered in the declaration are understood.

Name of (Parent/Guardian): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____