



## About this Study

### Information for Participants of this Study

**Thank you for participating in our research study. Please review this information and then indicate your consent to participate below.**

1 Title of Project: Sustainability Education Research Project

2 Overview

This study is being conducted as part of a research project by the National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG).

3 Purpose of the Study

This study is designed to compare the effectiveness of different approaches to teaching Sustainability.

4 Taking Part – What it Involves

Participants involved in this study will be asked to engage in an online learning session centred on Sustainability, and as part of that, to complete a brief background information questionnaire and two or more short quizzes, all online. You will be randomly assigned to one of four groups, each of which will be given a different treatment of the subject. The whole session should take between 50 minutes and 1 hour 40 minutes, excluding breaks, depending on your group.

5. Confidentiality and risks

Answers given to quizzes will be collected but will remain confidential. Page visit statistics will be recorded. Data gathered from the study will only be accessible to the researcher and academic colleagues working on the project. Only anonymised and grouped data will be used in analysis and reporting. There are no risks in participating.

6. What happens at the end of the study?

When all participants have completed their sessions (this should be within 2 months of your participation), you can request to receive a summary of one or 2 pages of the main findings. While it could be up to 9 months before final results are published, we would be pleased to include you upon request on an address list to receive publications arising from the study. Only general findings will be reported, without reference to identifiable individual results.

7. What happens if I change my mind during the study?

You are entitled to change your mind about participating in this study at any time.

8. Who do I contact if I have further questions?

If you need any further information in relation to this study you can contact the researcher at [caroline.brennan@nuigalway.ie](mailto:caroline.brennan@nuigalway.ie). You may also contact Professor Jim Duggan, IT, National University of Ireland, Galway at [jim.duggan@nuigalway.ie](mailto:jim.duggan@nuigalway.ie).

### CONSENT

\* 1. By consenting to taking part in this study, you are confirming that:

- You have read the information above and are satisfied that you understand it
- You understand that participation is voluntary and that you are free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, without your legal rights being affected
- You are over 18 years of age

☐ I consent to take part in this study



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### About You

**These details will help researchers to determine whether or not sustainability education should be tailored for specific demographic groups. They will be used anonymously.**

\* 2. Please indicate your gender

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Other

\* 3. Please indicate your age

- ☐ 18-25
- ☐ 26-35
- ☐ 36-45
- ☐ 46-55
- ☐ 56-65
- ☐ Over 65

\* 4. What country are you living in (today)?

5. If you grew up in another country, what was it?

\* 6. What is your highest educational qualification?

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Leaving Certificate or equivalent exams (final year of secondary school) | <input type="radio"/> Higher Diploma  |
| <input type="radio"/> Professional qualification   | <input type="radio"/> Master's Degree |
| <input type="radio"/> Degree or equivalent   | <input type="radio"/> PhD             |

Please specify the subject (unless general Leaving Certificate)

\* 7. What is your current occupation?

8. If you are currently a student, please indicate the level of study and the subject.

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| <input type="radio"/> Leaving Certificate or equivalent exams (final year of secondary school) | <input type="radio"/> Higher Diploma  |
| <input type="radio"/> Professional qualification   | <input type="radio"/> Master's Degree |
| <input type="radio"/> Degree or equivalent   | <input type="radio"/> PhD             |

Please specify the name of the university or institution and the subject you are studying (unless general Leaving Certificate)

9. If you are retired, what was your occupation?

\* 10. Do you have any knowledge or experience of Sustainability from study or work?

- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ None at all

Please specify briefly what kind of knowledge or experience

\* 11. In a sentence or two, can you write what you think the word 'sustainability' means? An informal answer is OK.