

## Information sheet participant

This project aims to look at the methods, or ways in which people do research, in the arts and social sciences to develop and extend innovative methodologies. We are particularly interested in methods used when exploring the role of digital technology in human interaction. This project focuses on the research methods used in 6 different contexts: 3 in the arts (experience design, digital fashion, digital performance) and 3 in the social sciences (embodied learning, mobile education, and virtual environments for learning).

To do this, we will undertake some studies with different researchers/practitioners (e.g. academics, PhD/Masters students) from varied institutions from the arts and/or the social sciences: we will be observing how research methods are applied to their own research/practice. Observations include practices, processes and outcomes focusing on the use of the technology, the body, and the research methods. Some studies will take place at the Institute of Education. Other studies will take place at Brunel University, London College of Fashion, or Royal College of Art. And other studies will take place where the work processes take place or where the outcomes from these processes will be showcased: for example, workshop sites, museums/galleries or public venues.

We are observing the researcher(s)/practitioner(s) who is observing you / working with you (the participant). We are going to do non-intrusive observation using fieldnotes. Sometimes we may want to take photographs to illustrate the context of the research, or video record a particular research practice. We are not looking for what the participant does, instead we are looking for how research methods are realised in the researcher(s)'s academic field or field of practice.

We hope that you will enjoy taking part in this project, but if at any point during any of the sessions you would like to stop taking part without any reason given, you can with no effect in any way.

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