

School of Education and Social Science

## Participant Information Sheet

Working Title:

Home Education Voices: A Family Narrative of How Education is Valued and If/Where Education Capital is Transferred.

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You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Please ask me if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this study is to *investigate any link* between how home educating families value education and the level of educational experience and knowledge (Capital) found within a family unit. The investigation will also consider *any change* in how families value education or in the education capital within a home educating family unit. This will be examined through the investigation of a family narrative.

Why have I been chosen?

You have been chosen to take part in this study because you have experience with Home Education either in the past or currently. It is hoped that you can share some of your experience, ideas and opinions related to your Home Education journey.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw **at any time** up to 1 month following completion of this study and without giving a reason.

What will happen to me if I take part?

A survey link will be supplied to you initially. This shouldn't take you longer than 10-15 minutes. If you then choose to take part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the study, you will be provided with instructions on how to document your experiences of Home Education through photographs (PhotoVoice). A 1 hour online interview will also be arranged where you will be given the opportunity to discuss the 7 images that you choose to use. Each image should be discussed and agreed with your family and should represent *how you and your family value education in Home Education space(s)*. We understand that you may be unusually restricted by Covid-19 and this can be discussed during your online interview.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

It is not expected that you will be at any risk or that there will be any disadvantages. All of your data will be confidential and you will be instructed as to how you can take photographs without any identifying information within, especially anything that would identify children. There are also a variety of editing tools that you can use prior to submitting any images to the study.

As you will be undertaking your normal Home Education activities you should be at any risk. You will not be required to undertake any activity that contravenes Covid-19 restrictions.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

This study is looking at how Home Educating families value education and educational experiences within non-school spaces. Your data may assist in larger research studies being undertaken that support and encourage the choice for parents to Home Educate their children. The results of this research may also encourage policy makers to see how educational choices, for parents and children, can offer some families a unique opportunity to increase children's education and cultural capital.

#### Data Protection Privacy Notice

The data controller for this project will be University of the West of Scotland (UWS). The UWS Data Protection Office provides oversight of UWS activities involving the processing of personal data and can be contacted at [dataprotection@uws.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@uws.ac.uk). UWS's Data Protection Officer is Emma Cockrow and can be contacted at [dataprotection@uws.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@uws.ac.uk).

Your personal data will be processed so long as it is required for the research project. We will anonymise and pseudonymise the personal data you provide we will undertake this and will endeavour to minimise the processing of personal data wherever possible.

If you are concerned about how your personal data is being processed, please contact UWS in the first instance at [dataprotection@uws.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@uws.ac.uk). If you remain unsatisfied, you may wish to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Contact details, and details of data subject rights, are available on the ICO website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/individuals-rights/>

#### What will happen to the results of the research study?

It is expected that the data and results will be disseminated via the initial thesis, journal articles, conference papers and possibly books/book chapters.

#### Who has reviewed the study?

ESS Ethics Committee

#### Contact for further information

If you require any further information please contact:

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Thank you for taking part in this study.