

FAQs for research participants of Re-designing data discussions to improve teaching and learning.

What benefits will the study bring?

There is no monetary compensation for participating in this project. However, there are many benefits for the school, most notably, the research process will support participating school leaders and teachers to improve how data discussions are conducted in their school. In essence, school leaders and teachers will be getting free, individualised professional development with experts in the field.

Who is organizing the study?

The study is being conducted by the Woolf Fisher Research Centre located in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at the University of Auckland in collaboration with Professor Henning Fjørtoft from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Norway. The project is being funded by the University of Auckland's Faculty Research and Development Fund.

The research team represent national and international world-ranked universities. They each have strong international reputations and outstanding track records in collaboration with other researchers and research organisations.

Who is involved?

We want to collect information from *school leaders* who are currently leading data discussions and *teachers* of students in any of the year levels 6-9.

What will happen with the information collected from participants?

We are committed to keeping participants informed and will provide ongoing feedback as the project progresses.

In addition, once the research is completed, we will provide access to a summary report of the overall findings. Our findings will support local NZ policy and the enactment of the NZ curriculum by improving schools' capabilities in presenting and discussing reading data.

Who can I contact if I want to know more?

If you have further questions or would like more information, contact the Principal Investigator, Associate Professor Mei Kuin, Lai: mei.lai@auckland.ac.nz
Additionally, you can find a list of key researchers on our web page.

What's our response to COVID-19?

The research will follow the COVID-19 safe guidelines:

For surveys:

All surveys are online and will not be affected by any restrictions on face-to-face gatherings.

For interviews and meetings:

(a) If there are restrictions on face-to-face gatherings, then

- All consent forms will be emailed to the Principal Investigator;
- All interviews (teachers and school leaders) and meetings will be conducted and recorded via Zoom;

(b) If the restrictions allow for individuals or for small groups to meet, then

- The group size will meet the COVID-19 requirements. This may mean that there may be more than one meeting to trial the data discussion approach;
 - All the requirements for the Alert Level in place will be followed at the time (e.g., social distancing rules will be applied, and participants will be seated. Hand sanitiser will be provided in the room and everyone entering the room will be asked to use it. Contact tracing records will be used via QR codes);
 - Participants will be given the option to withdraw without giving a reason. This will also be stated in their PISs and CFs.
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