## Participant Information

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| Ethics reference number: **ERGO/**FoPSE**/8636** | Version: 3 | Date: 14th March 2014 |
| Study Title:  Forms of Student Engagement: development and application of the Southampton post-course research (UKSE) iSurvey. | | |
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Please read this information carefully before deciding to take part in this research. If you are happy to participate you may be asked to sign a consent form. Your participation is completely voluntary.

**What is the research about?** This research aims to explore the different forms of engagement students describe and exhibit and to explore how MOOC learners use educational resources. The study is funded by the Higher Education Academy (HEA).

**Why have I been chosen?** You have been approached because you are enrolled on a Southampton MOOC (Massive Open Online Course).

**What will happen to me if I take part?** If you wish to participate in this research further by being interviewed via Skype (or alternative). Click on the iSurvey link embedded within the dedicated email and fill in your email address. Alternatively, you can contact the Senior Research Assistant at [k.wakefield@soton.ac.uk](mailto:k.wakefield@soton.ac.uk) directly with your interest.

**Are there any benefits in my taking part?** Not to you, but your participation in this study should benefit the next cohort of learners that take part in a University of Southampton MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) as we learn more about your experiences.

**Are there any risks involved?** As a learner, you may be worried about the privacy and confidentiality of any views you share with me. My responsibility under the Data Protection Act means anything you share with me will be entirely confidential and not be shared with anyone else other than in a fully anonymised form which ensures you could not be recognised. It is stored securely and confidentially by me. There is no risk that anything you share as part of the iSurvey could affect your relationships with educators, your educational experience or your achievement on the module.

**Will my participation be confidential?** All data collected is anonymous. Your data will be kept confidential. It will be held on a password protected computer, and used only for the purposes of this study.

**What happens if something goes wrong?** Should you have any concern or complaint, contact me if possible Senior Research Assistant, Kelly Wakefield ([k.wakefield@soton.ac.uk](mailto:k.wakefield@soton.ac.uk)) or the FoPSE office, Dr Cecilia Di Chio ([C.Di-Chio@soton.ac.uk](mailto:C.Di-Chio@soton.ac.uk)) or any other authoritative body such as Dr Martina Prude, Head of Research Governance (02380 595058, [mad4@soton.ac.uk](mailto:mad4@soton.ac.uk)).