

## **Participant Information Sheet**

### **Research Project Title: RDMRose, Research Data Management for information professionals**

#### **Invitation**

You are being invited to take part in a research project. 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. Ask us 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. Thank you for reading this.

#### **1. What is the project's purpose?**

RDMRose is a JISC funded project to produce taught and continuing professional development (CPD) learning materials in Research Data Management (RDM) tailored for Information professionals.

RDMRose will develop and adapt learning materials about RDM to meet the specific needs of liaison librarians in university libraries, both for practitioners' CPD and for embedding into the postgraduate taught (PGT) curriculum. Its deliverables will include Open Educational Resources (OER) suitable for learning in multiple modes, including face to face and self-directed learning.

Thus those using our learning materials could be practising librarians or Full time PG students.

RDMRose brings together the UK's leading iSchool with a practitioner community based on the White Rose University Consortium's libraries at the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York. Development of content and teaching will be iterative, based on a highly participative curriculum development process and with a strong strand of student evaluation of learning materials and activities.

In order to evaluate the project's impact in a rounded way, we want to

- 1) Investigate LIS professionals' responses to the learning materials
- 2) Explore the attitudes of the various stakeholders in RDM to potential library roles

#### **2. Why have I been chosen?**

You are using our learning materials. We want to ask you your opinions about RDM and the potential library role in it, in particular.

#### **3. Do I have to take part?**

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. Declining to participate will not in any way affect your marks (should you be taking the module for accreditation). If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep) and you can still withdraw at any time without it affecting any benefits that you are entitled to in any way. You do not have to give a reason.

#### **4. What will happen to me if I take part?**

If you are participating in using the learning materials we would like to collect and analyse the results of some of the exercises such as written reflections or short questionnaires. These will always be clearly marked. At the point of being asked to give your work to us you will be able to opt in to the research.

#### **5. What do I have to do?**

There will be no lifestyle restrictions as a result of participating.

#### **6. What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

Participating in the research is not anticipated to cause you any disadvantages or discomfort.

#### **7. What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

Whilst there are no immediate benefits for those people participating in the project, it is hoped that this work will help improve the learning materials we are creating and have a beneficial impact on how RDM is supported in your institution.

#### **8. What happens if the research study stops earlier than expected?**

Should the research stop earlier than planned we will tell you and explain why.

#### **9. What if something goes wrong?**

If you have any complaints about the project in the first instance you can contact the principal investigator, Andrew Cox (details below). If you feel your complaint has not been handled to your satisfaction you can contact the University's 'Registrar and Secretary'.

#### **10. Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?**

All the information that we collect about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. You will not be able to be identified in any reports or publications. Any data collected about you, such as input into worksheets audio or video recordings will be stored in a secure filing cabinet or on a secure computer in anonymised form.

#### **11. What type of information will be sought from me and why is the collection of this information relevant for achieving the research project's objectives?**

As part of the learning some written reflections and other responses, such as short questionnaires, will be clearly designated as also to be used for the research. You will be asked to opt in to these item by item.

The purpose of looking closely at this material is that we want to understand your responses to the learning material and the issues they raise.

#### **13. What will happen to the results of the research project?**

Results of the research will be published. You will not be identified in any report or publication. If you wish to be given a copy of any reports resulting from the research just ask us to put you on our circulation list.

#### **14. Who is organising and funding the research?**

The project is being undertaken by the Information School, University of Sheffield and is partly funded by JISC, <http://www.jisc.ac.uk>.

#### **15. Who has ethically reviewed the project?**

This project has been ethically approved by the Information School's ethics review procedure. The University's Research Ethics Committee monitors the application and delivery of the University's Ethics Review Procedure across the University.

#### **16. Contacts for further information**

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The University's Registrar and Secretary is Dr. Philip Harvey. He can be contacted at the following address: Dr. Philip Harvey, The Registrar and Secretary's Office, University of Sheffield, Firth Court, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TN.

**If you decide to participate: do keep a copy of this information sheet and of your signed consent form & thank you for participating!**