

# Student-Staff Experiences of Large Group Teaching: Working towards a pedagogy of mutual care in higher education

## Information Sheet for Students

### Investigator Team Contact Information:

For questions about the research study, research results, or other concerns, please contact the study team at the addresses below. You can contact any of the team via Email or Microsoft Teams.

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### *Information About This Research Study*

#### What is the goal of this research?

We are investigating student and staff experiences of large-group lectures. We would like to find out about student and teacher well-being, sense of connection, and effective teaching and learning strategies that contribute to good student outcomes. We are using surveys and conducting student focus groups to gain an overview of student experiences in large group lectures. We hope to use this information to create recommendations that can be used to enhance the student experience.

#### What should I know about the research study?

- We will explain this research study to you.
- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part.

- You can agree to take part and later change your mind.
- Your decision will not be held against you.
- You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

### **How long will the research last?**

We anticipate that the research will take about 5 months to complete.

We will complete the surveys before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

We will complete the focus groups before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

### **Is there any way that being in this study could be bad for me?**

*There are no foreseen risks of research participation. Your participation in the study will not affect your relationship with the University of Greenwich, nor any participation in Greenwich courses or programmes.*

### **Will being in this study help me in any way?**

We cannot promise any benefits to you or others from your taking part in this research. However, you may benefit from reflecting on your experience and hearing from others' experiences in the focus groups, if you decide to join one.

### **What happens if I do not want to be in this research?**

This is absolutely fine and will not affect your relationships with your colleagues, tutors or with the University of Greenwich. Participation is entirely up to you and even if you decide to participate, you can change your mind at a later stage and leave the research study.

### **How many people will participate in the study?**

If you participate in the focus group, you will be in a group of between 3 and 8 people, along with two facilitators.

Overall, we are hoping that at least 30 students and 10 teachers will complete the surveys.

### **What happens if I say "Yes", but I change my mind later?**

You can leave the research, and no one will be upset by your decision.

If you decide to leave the research study, contact the research team so that the team will stop contacting you. You can contact any member of the team that you feel comfortable contacting.

Choosing not to be in this study or to stop being in this study will not result in any penalty to you or loss of benefit to which you are entitled. This means that your choice not to be in this study will not negatively affect your right to study at the University of Greenwich, your academic standing as a student or your present or future employment.

### **Withdrawing: Surveys**

To ensure we can identify and withdraw your survey responses, we will offer you the chance to provide a pseudonym that you will remember. Then, you can contact us and tell us the pseudonym you chose so that we can delete your response. You have the option not to provide a keyword, but if you have not provided one, we will not be able to identify your response to withdraw it. To withdraw, email the research team by the end of 31st July 2024.

### **Withdrawing: Focus groups**

You can withdraw some or all of your responses in the focus group at any time until 31st October 2024. You can also withdraw during the focus group itself or decline to answer a particular question if you are not comfortable. To withdraw, email the research team by the end of 31st October 2024.

### **Will it cost me anything to participate in this research study?**

There will be no additional cost to you for any of the study activities or procedures.

### **Will I be compensated for my participation?**

You will not be compensated for your participation in the survey.

If you participate in a student focus group, you will be given a £10 Love2Shop voucher as a token of gratitude for your time. This voucher is not dependent on any particular contribution, and you can keep the voucher even if you do not say anything in the focus group or you later decide you would like to withdraw your data.

### **What happens to the information collected for the research?**

To the extent your personal data are protected by the GDPR, you have the right to—

- Know what data we are collecting, where they will be processed, and how they will be used.

We will limit the use and disclosure of your personal information, including research study and records, to people who have a need to review this information. Organizations that may inspect the research process include UREB, the committee that provides ethical and regulatory oversight of research, and other representatives of this institution, including those that have responsibilities for monitoring or ensuring compliance.

We may publish the results of this research or share the resulting data. However, we will keep your name and other identifying information confidential.

If you agree to participate in this research study, a copy of your consent form will be kept in a password protected folder in a University of Greenwich password protected computer, on the University OneDrive.

Please do contact the research team if you have any doubts.

### **Whom do I contact if I have questions, concerns or feedback about my experience?**

Please contact the team. You are encouraged to contact UREB ([research-ethics@gre.ac.uk](mailto:research-ethics@gre.ac.uk)) if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You are having difficulty reaching the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your rights as a research participant.
- You want to get information or provide feedback about this research.