

## **Appendix Two – Project Information Sheet**

### **University of Bedfordshire, Institute for Research in Education (IREd) Project: Undergraduate Media Studies in England: A Discourse Analysis Interview Consent – Information**

**Who are you?** This research is being carried out by Peter Dean. I am a part-time research student in the Institute for Research in Education (IREd) at the University of Bedfordshire, studying for a professional doctorate in education (EdD). My supervisors are Professor Trevor Corner and Dr Marie-Pierre Moreau. In my full-time role, I am an Associate Dean at the University of Bedfordshire. My contact details are:

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**What are you doing and why?** This research study will gather evidence of the ways in which media studies courses in the UK are designed and delivered. I will do this by looking at documentary evidence and carrying out semi-structured interviews with a wide range of people who are involved with course design or who are impacted by the results; students, advisors, employers, lecturers, university administrators and managers etc. When I have collected the evidence I will analyse it for patterns of language use that demonstrate the ways in which people influence the development of media studies courses. This research and my conclusions will be developed into a doctoral thesis and submitted to the university for examination. If successful, this research could be published more widely and so lead to a better understanding of how courses are developed and so improve the process.

**What will the research involve?** This research is part of a professional doctorate and so involves research around my own professional practice. I am part of the process I am researching and so the participants have been identified by me as having significant influence on, and/or a major stake in, the outcome of media studies course development and are representative of the groups of people involved. I have approached you because I think your experiences, knowledge, ideas and opinions are important and I would like to understand these so that I can build a fuller understanding of the course development process from many viewpoints. You will participate in a 1-2-1 semi-structured interview. I will ask you a number of open-ended questions that are designed to allow you to give your views on media courses, the way they are designed and what their purpose should be. I would like you to give me your genuine views rather than what you think the answer “should” be. There are no right or wrong answers. The interview will probably take about 45-60 minutes.

I would like to make an audio recording of our conversation. This will be transcribed into text and both the audio recording and text will be kept on secure computer storage until the research is complete. It is important that your views are attributed to the role you play in the media studies field and so I would like to use this in my analysis. This means I cannot offer you a guarantee of confidentiality or anonymity. However, you may withdraw your consent at anytime during the interview. I will supply you with a copy of the recording and/or interview transcript if you wish. All contributions to this research are valuable and will be treated with respect. Your contribution will only be used for the purposes of this research study. If I think your contribution may be of use for other purposes I will always seek your explicit additional consent.

I am very grateful for your time and willingness to help. I hope you find the discussion interesting.