



Participant Information Sheet and Consent form for Padlet users

Project Title: **National Career Development Learning Hub for students with disability**

1. What is the project about?

The aim of this project is to establish the first dedicated national Career Development Learning (CDL) Hub for students with disability. The CDL Hub will create an accessible range of freely available resources and practical examples of programs that address CDL for students with disability across the student lifecycle.

2. Who is doing the research?

The project is being conducted by a team of researchers from Curtin University led by Professor Sarah O'Shea in partnership with researchers from University of Wollongong, La Trobe University, and University of Tasmania.

3. Why have I been invited to participate?

You have been invited to participate because you:

- Have an interest in disability and/or careers support, policy or planning
- Intend to access any/ all of the three Padlet boards for the National CDL Hub project

Your participation is voluntary, and your choice to take part or not take part, will not affect your relationship with any of the universities involved.

4. What will I be asked to do?

By commenting or posting to the Padlet: 'Career support for students with disability' you contribute ideas and perspectives to the research.

5. Are there any possible benefits from participation in this study?

This study will advance our knowledge about approaches to supporting students with disability in achieving their educational and career aspirations and goals. In this way, we envisage that future students will benefit from your participation in this research.

6. Are there any possible risks from participation in this study?

No, we don't expect that there are any risks in you participating in this study. However, if viewing any of the content on Padlet causes you any discomfort, you are encouraged to contact your university's counselling services or Lifeline. Lifeline is a non-profit organisation that provides free, 24-hour Telephone Crisis Support service in Australia. [Phone: 131 114 or online: <https://www.lifeline.org.au/>]



7. What if I change my mind during or after the study?

If you change your mind and decide you don't want to participate any further in the study, you do not have to give a reason why - you can simply choose not to interact with Padlet again. If you have already posted or commented to Padlet, please contact the research team (emails below) to determine if your data can be deleted from Padlet and the data set. If you have posted anonymously, removal of your content will not be possible.

8. What will happen to the data when this study is over?

The information collected as part of this project will be stored on a Curtin University server, which is password-protected and only accessible to the research team. The data from the survey might be used by the CI (and/or colleagues as permitted by the CI) in future research that has a similar focus.

9. How will the results of the study be published?

All data in this study will be anonymous and used primarily to provide a report to the National Careers Institute (NCI). Data may be published in journal articles and other scholarly publications; we may also use the de-identified data in presentations for higher education stakeholders.

10. What if I have questions about this study?

If you have any queries, concerns or issues with this study, please feel free to contact any of the research team, for example, Chief Investigator, Professor Sarah O'Shea (sarah.oshea@curtin.edu.au) or Project Manager Olivia Groves (olivia.groves@curtin.edu.au).

Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) has approved this study (HRE2021-0219). Should you wish to discuss the study with someone not directly involved, in particular, any matters concerning the conduct of the study or your rights as a participant, or you wish to make a confidential complaint, you may contact the Ethics Officer on (08) 9266 9223 or the Manager, Research Integrity on (08) 9266 7093 or email hrec@curtin.edu.au.

11. How can I agree to be involved?

You can agree to be involved in the interview by reading the Consent form (below) and contributing to the Padlet board.

12. Full research team contact details

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Consent Form

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- I have been given information about the 'National Career Development Learning Hub for student with disability' project and have had an opportunity to ask one of the researchers any questions I may have about the research and my participation.
- If I have any enquiries about the research, I can contact the researchers via their individual contact details on the **Participant Information Sheet** or email the Project Manager at olivia.groves@curtin.edu.au.
- I understand while there is no foreseeable risk in participating, I have been encouraged to access my university's counselling service or Lifeline should I need to. I am aware that I am free to withdraw my participation and any data I have contributed, without penalty.
- I understand that this project has been approved by Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee and will be carried out in line with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007).
- I understand that all study data will be securely stored on a Curtin University server, which is password-protected and only accessible to the research team. The data from the Padlet board might be used by the Chief Investigator (CI) (and/or colleagues as permitted by the CI) in future research that has a similar focus. I understand that I will not be identifiable.

By participating in the Padlet boards I consent to:

- ⇒ The Padlet content that I post being used in this study
- ⇒ The Padlet content that I post being used in future studies of a similar focus as permitted by the Chief Investigator
- ⇒ To the anonymous Padlet being used for publication purposes including reports, journals, books, conferences.