

APPENDIX B: INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Participant Informed Consent Form

I. Research Study Title

The study in which you are being requested to participate has the working title of 'A qualitative exploration of Irish undergraduate students' experiences with culturally diverse students in DCU.' It is being conducted by Ciarán Dunne, a PhD student in the School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies (SALIS), in DCU.

II. Purpose of the research

As the level of cultural diversity in the DCU student bodies increases, this research aims to gain an insight into Irish students relations with, and experiences of, students from other cultures in DCU. Very limited research has been done to explore this issue, particularly from the perspective of the host students. This study aims to generate new insights into this important area.

III. Confirmation of particular requirements as highlighted in the Plain Language Statement

As stated in the Plain Language Statement, participants in this research will be requested to participate in at least one face-to-face interview, which the researcher will request to record (audio only).

Participant – please complete the following (Circle Yes or No for each question)

Have you read or had read to you the Plain Language Statement	Yes/No
Do you understand the information provided?	Yes/No
Have you had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss this study?	Yes/No
Have you received satisfactory answers to all your questions?	Yes/No
Do you agree to have your interview audiotaped?	Yes/No

Participants' involvement in this study is totally voluntary. As a participant you may withdraw from the Research Study at any point. There will be no penalty for withdrawing before all stages of the Research Study have been completed.

VI. Arrangements to protect confidentiality of data

Every effort will be made to respect participants' anonymity. The data collected will be analysed by the principal researcher alone. Participants' actual names will be protected and fake names will be used if direct references are required. Interview notes and/or transcripts will be held by the principal researcher and stored in a secure location.

VII. Signature

I have read and understood the information in this form. My questions and concerns have been answered by the researchers, and I have a copy of this consent form. Therefore, I consent to take part in this research project

Participants Signature: _____

Name in Block Capitals: _____

Date: _____