

Consent Form

(The intent of this form is to provide guarantees to research participants)

Title of Project: Knowledge Transformation and Change Within a Community

Research Team: The individuals named below constitute the UVIC research team.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Wolff-Michael Roth, Lansdowne Professor, Applied Cognitive Science, University of Victoria (Tel: 250-721-7885)

Research Assistants: Stuart H. Lee, «graduate student to be named»

Description of Project: Many coastal communities have suffered from the effects of centralized control of the resources that sustain them. Much of the justification for this type of management and control has been the assumption of the adequacy of science to predict the effects of the industrial activity. In every case, this approach has failed to yield sustainable communities. Our goal is to flesh out the multiplicity of factors in along one community's learning trajectory as they adapt to and form the change they experience. Are there clues to sustainability that current policy overlooks? As part of this research, we are particularly interested in understanding how people learn as they participate in everyday activities concerning ecological issues (e.g., meetings, public open houses, public stream observations). We would like to document any pertinent activities in which you engage. We are also interested in interviewing participants about topics related to ecological issues.

Terms of Participation:

A. Participation

1. Participation in the research project is entirely voluntary. Whether an individual participates or chooses not to participate will have no bearing on employment.
2. Any researcher involved in data collection, and each day, will ask each participant concerned whether he/she agrees to being videotaped, interviewed, etc.
3. There is no known risk of any harm or stress what so ever in the collection of videotapes, interviews, and samples of work.
4. (Non-) Participation will have no effect on employment status or services.
5. Participants may decide to withdraw from the project at any time and without effect on their academic progress and evaluation. Should a participant withdraw, s/he will determine whether any existing records (e.g., videotapes, interviews, work) shall be destroyed.

B. Anonymity and Maintenance/Disposal of Record

1. Complete anonymity is guaranteed. Barring permission according to §B.5, videotapes are used for research purposes and are seen only by the investigators and research assistants. Transcripts will be prepared such as to contain code names only. The document matching codes and real names will be protected by password, in folders accessible only by password, and on computers in locked rooms accessible only to the research team.
2. In all publications resulting from the project, participants (and any other identifying information) will be referred to by pseudonyms.
3. All original records will be kept locked for a period of 5 years and then destroyed unless covered by §A.5.
4. If videotapes are to be used outside the research group, participants shown (and their parents/guardians) will be asked for additional permission.

C. Results

1. After the completion of the project, all participants will receive a summary of the results.

D. Complaints

1. Any complaints may be directed to the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Dr. Bruce Howe (250-721-7766).

Type of recording

I agree to the use of

videotapes and audiotapes audiotapes observation/ note-taking only

Consent by adults

I agree to participate in the described research. The nature of the project was explained to me and I have read the above information and know that I have the opportunity to discuss in full the nature of this project, and to question the project director Dr. Wolff-Michael Roth.

Signature

Date

Printed name