

Participant Information Sheet

Project title: Peer assessment in Mathematical Sciences

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You are invited to take part in a study that I am conducting as part of a research project investigating how peer assessment can be used to support students in Mathematical Sciences.

This study has received ethical approval from the ethics committee of DCAD, a part of Durham University.

Before you decide whether to agree to take part it is important for you to understand the purpose of the research and what is involved as a participant. Please read the following information carefully. Please get in contact if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the study?

The aim of this survey is to investigate student experiences of peer assessment in mathematics.

Peer feedback is a type of activity that can help students to develop their written communication skills, and to build confidence in their own work, by allowing them to see how others approach a problem. It is not currently widely used in mathematics at Durham, but has been introduced to some courses this year.

This project aims to understand how students view peer assessment, whether they think it is valuable, and what we can do to improve their experience of it.

Do I have to take part?

Your participation is voluntary, and you do not have to agree to take part. If you do agree to take part, you can withdraw at any time, without giving a reason. Every question on the survey is optional and you can skip over any questions you do not want to answer.

What will happen to my data?

Your data will be held and stored in accordance with the University's privacy policy. You can find information about the University's responsibilities for data protection and your rights under data protection legislation in the University's [privacy notice](#).

Your data will not be held for longer than ten years.

You can withdraw from the survey at any time by closing the window. If you want to withdraw your responses after submitting them, we will do our best to find and remove them from the dataset. However, because the survey is anonymous, this might not be possible.

What will happen to the results of the project?

The findings of the survey may be disseminated through conference presentations, journal articles, website publications, and other research avenues. Any quotations from your responses we use will be used anonymously, and any identifying information will be removed as much as possible.

The survey forms part of a longer-term project, and our findings may be used in later publications as the project develops.

Who do I contact if I have any questions or concerns about this study?

If you have any further questions or concerns about this study, please contact the researcher at clare.wallace@durham.ac.uk. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please submit a complaint via research.policy@durham.ac.uk.

Thank you for reading this information and considering taking part in this study.