

INFORMATION SHEET: DOCTORAL RESEARCH STUDY

The Linguistic, Educational and Social Integration of Migrant Children into Primary Education in the Irish Context: Lessons (not) to be learned from Germany's Experience since the 1950's.

As part of my doctoral research at UCC, I will be carrying out a research study on the linguistic, educational and social integration of children who are learning English as an Additional Language in primary education in Ireland. The particular focus of the study is on the acquisition of academic language and literacy skills, in both language support and mainstream settings. To this end, the study will involve a series of interviews with primary school principals, mainstream teachers and language support teachers, as well as a series of classroom observations across the 2009/2010 school year.

Stage 1:	Initial recorded interviews	Sept. / Oct. 2009.
Stage 2:	Three classroom observations	Sept. /Oct. 2009, Dec. /Jan. 2010, April /May 2010.
Stage 3:	Final recorded interviews	April/May 2010.

Participants will also be invited to participate in round table discussions which will take place following the completion of the three stages listed above. However, participation in these discussions is an optional extra, and not a prerequisite for taking part in the study.

Participation in this study is on a voluntary basis and participants may withdraw from the study at any time. All information collected in interviews and classroom observations will be treated in confidentiality and will not be made available to third parties. The collected data will be retained for the duration of the study and for a further six months, after which time it will be destroyed. The results of the research presented in the final thesis will be seen by my supervisor, second reader and the external examiner. The results of the study may be published in an academic journal. Any quotes from or opinions expressed by participants will be presented anonymously, in order that the identities of both the participants and their pupils are not revealed in the final thesis.

I do not foresee any negative consequences for you in taking part. If you have any questions, or need any further information about participating please contact me at either of the phone numbers or at the e-mail address below.

Thank you for your time,

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