

**School of Computer Science****Does removing login pages increase participation in a citizen  
science web application?****Participant Information Sheet**

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Please ask if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. Thank you for reading this.

**Who will conduct the research?**

Rob Dunne

**Title of the research.**

Does removing login pages increase participation in a citizen science web application?

**Why have I been chosen?**

I am inviting anyone who is computer literate and between the ages of 18 and 85 to take part in the evaluation if they want to.

**What would I be asked to do if I take part?**

Complete a form after viewing an image related to Manchester Museum's fossil collection.

This will involve:

- Viewing an image of a fossil with a label.
- Filling in a form reading the information from the label in the image.
- Submitting that form.

**What happens to the data collected?**

Electronic data will be stored securely on a computer. The information will be used in preparation of my dissertation.

**How is confidentiality maintained?**

Data will be made anonymous (names and any other information that may identify an individual will not be included), so no one will be able to recognize who the data belongs to.

**Will I be paid for participating in the research?**

No

**What is the duration of the research?**

The study will take less than one hour to complete.

**Where will the research be conducted?**

Online

**What if I change my mind?**

If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without detriment to yourself.

**Will the outcomes of the research be published?**

The outcomes of the research will be published in my thesis.

**Contact for further information.**

For further information, please contact either myself or my supervisor (details above).

**What if something goes wrong?**

If a participant wants to make a formal complaint about the conduct of the research they should contact the Head of the Research Office, Christie Building, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL