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Ethics

## NOTIFICATION FOR LOW-RISK PROJECT

<b>PROJECT TITLE:</b>	Using Biometric Response to Locate Personally Interesting Digital Content												
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<b>Justification for why study is considered to be low-risk</b>  We are aware of the Universities policies related to ethics at <a href="#">MU Research Ethics Policy, 2016</a> .  This project is low risk. The research requires the minimal inconvenience of wearing a standard armband which captures biometric response levels, and the capture of digital photographs for 2-3 days. The taking of photographs will not inconvenience the participants. Data of this form is routinely captured by people wearing devices of this type. All information captured will be held by the participant, and not shared with the investigators or others there is no risk associated with sharing of personal data (i.e. since this will not be not done).													
<b>How participants will be recruited</b> Participants will be recruited by distributing an experiment recruitment email requesting volunteers to participate in the experiment. This email will be distributed to members of the student investigator's (named above) study programme. This recruitment email will describe the project and what is required of experiment participants in layman terms.													
<b>Plain Language Statement</b>  A plain language statement which includes the following sections and details is attached.  <table border="1"><tr><td>Introductory Statement (PI and researcher names, school, title of the research)</td></tr><tr><td>What is this research about</td></tr><tr><td>Why is this research being conducted</td></tr><tr><td>What will happen if the person decides to participate in the research study</td></tr><tr><td>How will their privacy be protected</td></tr><tr><td>How will the data be used and subsequently disposed of</td></tr><tr><td>What are the legal limitations to data confidentiality</td></tr><tr><td>What are the benefits of taking part in the research study (if any)</td></tr><tr><td>What are the risks of taking part in the research study</td></tr><tr><td>Confirmation that participants can change their mind at any stage and withdraw from the study</td></tr><tr><td>How will participants find out what happens with the project</td></tr><tr><td>Contact details for further information</td></tr></table>		Introductory Statement (PI and researcher names, school, title of the research)	What is this research about	Why is this research being conducted	What will happen if the person decides to participate in the research study	How will their privacy be protected	How will the data be used and subsequently disposed of	What are the legal limitations to data confidentiality	What are the benefits of taking part in the research study (if any)	What are the risks of taking part in the research study	Confirmation that participants can change their mind at any stage and withdraw from the study	How will participants find out what happens with the project	Contact details for further information
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### **Informed Consent Form**

Informed consent form is attached. Including the following details:

- Investigators' names, addresses and contact numbers
- Confirmation from participants that they understand the research project and the nature of their participation in the research project.
- Ensure participants understand the voluntary nature of their participation, that they can withdraw their consent at any time up until the work is published as well the right to access their data at their discretion.
- The following statement is included as per University requirements:

*If during your participation in this study you feel the information and guidelines that you were given have been neglected or disregarded in any way, or if you are unhappy about the process, please contact the Secretary of the Maynooth University Ethics Committee at [research.ethics@mu.ie](mailto:research.ethics@mu.ie) or +353 (0)1 708 6019. Please be assured that your concerns will be dealt with in a sensitive manner.*