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'Speaking the Studio: Exploring gaps in student understanding of photographic studio.'

How can student competence and confidence in using photographic studio terminology be improved

This study is part of my research on the PgCert Academic Practice at UAL.

As part of this project, I aim to explore what MA Fashion Photography students already know, and what they may find challenging, about photographic studio terminology.

Students

enter the workshops with diverse educational, linguistic, and technical backgrounds, and this can affect their confidence, communication, and ability to work independently.

My research will analyse the current challenges students and technical staff experience with photographic studio terminology, focusing on gaps in understanding, confidence levels, and the impact of these on learning. The methodology will be qualitative and exploratory using a responsive evaluation approach. Responses will be analysed thematically to identify common needs, gaps in knowledge, and priorities for future teaching support.

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You are being invited to take part in a research project. Before you decide to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the information sheet carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask if anything is unclear or if you would like more information.

- I understand that I have given my consent to be interviewed about my thoughts on ***students' understanding and use of photographic studio terminology, including any challenges I observe and the support I feel would be beneficial.***
- I fully give my consent to take part.
- I understand that I have given approval for my opinions to be included in the research outputs. Anything I say may be used in academic papers relating to the project, although these quotations will be anonymous.
- I have read the information sheet about the research project, which I have been asked to take part in and have been given a copy of this information to keep.
- What is going to happen and why it is being done has been explained to me, and I have had the opportunity to discuss the details and ask questions.

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- Having given this consent, I understand that I have the right to withdraw from the research programme at any time without disadvantage to myself and without having to give any reason.

What does it mean to take part?

If you agree to take part, you will be asked to complete a short online questionnaire. The questionnaire will take around 5–10 minutes and will ask about your experiences using studio equipment, understanding of terminology, and suggestions for useful learning tools. The questionnaire also includes a small number of image-based identification questions (eg. Naming studio equipment). These are not a test, but simply a way to better understand existing familiarity with terminology. The data will be used as the basis for academic analysis. If you choose to take part, you will be free to withdraw your participation at any point. You will not be obliged to give any reason for deciding not to take part.

Will my participation be kept confidential?

Your anonymity is very important. The information about you will be confidential to me, as the researcher. You will not be identified individually anywhere in the research. If I quote anything you have said in an interview, it will be anonymous. An example might be: 'Tutor A said 'The project is...''

What will happen to the results of the research project? The findings will contribute to my PgCert action research project report and may be discussed in internal presentations at UAL. All data will remain anonymous and will be used solely for educational and developmental purposes. The outcomes will help determine whether a glossary app should be developed in the future and what it should include.