

## Mapping Student-Led Peer Learning and Support - Participant Information

### **Do I have to take part?**

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be asked to tick a consent box at the start of the research survey which utilises the JISC online survey tool. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time during the period of data collection, and without needing to give a reason. If you would like to withdraw, you can email any member of the Research Team (contact details are stated within the survey). If you are a student participant, choosing to either take part or not take part in the study will have no impact on your marks, assessments or future studies.

### **Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?**

All information that enables you to be identified ('personal data') will be kept strictly confidential by anonymising the data in the survey findings. All data will be stored in accordance with the requirements of the data protection legislation GDPR. The survey utilises the JISC online survey tool which complies with GDPR requirements. All data collected will be stored securely on the password protected file management system SharePoint, and will only be accessible by members of the Research Team.

### **What will happen to me if I take part?**

You will be invited to complete a JISC online survey which consists of 29 questions, taking approximately 30 - 60 minutes to complete. Once you have completed the JISC online survey, you will be able to submit your response and will receive a confirmation of your submission.

### **Will I be paid for taking part?**

There is no payment for taking part.

### **What are the potential disadvantages or risks of taking part?**

The Research Team have gained ethical approval for this research through AdvanceHE, the primary sponsor and publisher of the Mapping Student-Led Peer Learning report. We have explored the potential disadvantages or risks of taking part and believe that participants should not come to any physical, psychological or emotional harm through their participation.

### **What are the potential benefits of taking part?**

The potential benefits of participating in this research include individual and institutional contribution to a sector-leading report on best practice in peer learning and peer support in higher education. Your contribution to the survey may prompt personal and professional reflection and development which may be of benefit to your work in peer learning and peer support.

### **What will happen to the results of the project?**

The results of the research study will be used to develop a report for publication on the AdvanceHE website, and for a potential follow up academic journal article. Participants will be able to obtain a copy of the published report and article on request.

### **Who is organising the research?**

This project is supported by AdvanceHE and is being conducted through the Association for Peer Learning and Support. There are no direct funds associated with this research.

### **What if I have a question or concern?**

If you have a question or concern about this project you can contact a third party:  
Juliette Gaunt, AdvanceHE, [juliette.gaunt@advance-he.ac.uk](mailto:juliette.gaunt@advance-he.ac.uk)

**Who has reviewed the study?**

This study has been reviewed and given a favourable ethical opinion by the AdvanceHE Research Ethics Review Committee.