**APPENDIX 3 – Participation Information Statement and Consent Form**

**Participant Information Statement**

### *Re-thinking media and sexuality education*

### Principal Investigator

Professor Kath Albury, Swinburne University of Technology, Dept. of Media & Communication.

### The Project:

You are invited to take part in a research study. You have been invited because you have previously expressed interest in professional development in the area of sexual health, sexuality education and/or young people’s media practices.

To participate in this project you need to meet the following inclusion criteria:

* A professional educator, health service provider and/or board member of a government or non-government organisation focused on sexual health, sexuality education and/or digital media (aged 18 or older).

The research study is aiming to discover how different practical and theoretical approaches to understanding sexuality and the media might build the capacity of policy makers, educators and health promotion workers, youth workers, and other professionals who need to engage with young people’s media practices (such as sexting and selfies) as part of their job.

**Participation:**

If you decide to take part in the research we would Invite you to:

* Participate in a three-hour professional development workshop at [Family Planning Victoria/Alannah and Madeline Foundation address], and
* Complete two short anonymous surveys immediately before and after the workshop.

**Benefits:**

This evidence-based workshop is designed to build your professional capacity to engage with young people’s digital media cultures within your workplace context. The researchers want to learn more about current professional approaches to engaging with youth media practices, with the aim of developing recommendations for policy and practice in this area. This study will inform future pre-service and in-service professional development resources.

You will be provided with a copy of workshop resources, and a short report based on the project’s findings will be available via Swinburne University of Technology, Alannah and Madeline Foundation and Family Planning Victoria websites (and associated social media accounts) from August 2018.

**Risks:**

You may find the workshop is not useful or relevant to your professional role, or your organisation. Taking part in research is voluntary. You may choose not to take part, or you may leave the workshop. If you decide not to take part in this research, your decision will have no effect on your relationship with Swinburne University of Technology, the Alannah and Madeline Foundation or Family Planning Victoria.

**Privacy and Confidentiality:**

A Research Assistant will attend the workshop to make written notes of general themes emerging in discussion, and may also take photos of the facilitators’ notes (ie on a whiteboard). You will not be audio-recorded, filmed or photographed by the researchers, but you will be invited to use your own mobile phone (or other device) for practical workshop activities (ie taking selfies). You will not be required to share images (or other media materials) with others.

Your email address and other personal details will not be stored by the research team. Evaluation surveys for this project are entirely anonymous. We will ask you to provide your age, and indicate your level of prior training and your current professional role (in general terms), but you will not be asked to provide your name, or your employer’s name, or your specific job title.

Please sign the written consent form (below) to confirm your agreement to participate.

### Further information about the project – who to contact

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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| This project has been approved by or on behalf of Swinburne’s Human Research Ethics Committee (SUHREC) in line with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research*. If you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this project, you can contact:  Research Ethics Officer, Swinburne Research (H68),  Swinburne University of Technology, P O Box 218, HAWTHORN VIC 3122 Australia.  Tel (03) 9214 3845 or +61 3 9214 3845 or [resethics@swin.edu.au](mailto:resethcs@swin.edu.au) |

**Consent Form**

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**Principal Investigator:**

Professor Kath Albury, Swinburne University of Technology, Dept. Media & Communication.

1. I consent to participate in the project named above. I have been provided a copy of the project consent information statement to which this consent form relates and any questions I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction.

2. ***In relation to this project, please circle your response to the following:***

* I agree to participate in a professional development workshop **Yes No**
* I agree to complete short pre and post workshop surveys **Yes No**

3. I acknowledge that:

(a) my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from the project at any time without explanation;

(b) the Swinburne project is for the purpose of research and not for profit;

(c) any identifiable information about me which is gathered in the course of and as the result of my participating in this project will be (i) collected and retained for the purpose of this project and (ii) accessed and analysed by the researcher(s) for the purpose of conducting this project;

(d) my anonymity will be preserved as outlined in the Participant Information Statement, and I/my employer will not be identified in publications or otherwise without my express written consent.

By signing this document I agree to participate in this project.

**Name of Participant:** ……………………………………………………………………………

**Signature & Date:** ……………………………………………………………