

Participant Information Sheet – for young people

Project title	De-anthropomorphising LLMs through experiential learning: building workshops with young people
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This information sheet is for young people. Some researchers at the University of Edinburgh are organising a workshop and you've been invited to take part. This sheet explains who the researchers are and what they will do during the workshop.

You can decide whether you'd like to join, and you can change your mind at any time.

Who is organising the workshop?

The researcher collecting data is Rayo Verweij (rayo.verweij@ed.ac.uk). He is a PhD student researching new methods to teach young people about artificial intelligence (AI). He is supervised by Prof Fiona McNeill (f.j.mcneill@ed.ac.uk), Dr Cara Wilson (cara.wilson@ed.ac.uk), and Dr Valentina Andries (valentina.andries@ed.ac.uk).

How can I help?

You've been asked to participate because you attend a school or youth group that is participating in this study. You can help Rayo's research by participating in a workshop he has created to help young people learn about Large Language Models, a type of AI.

What will happen if I choose to participate?

You will join a workshop at the school or youth club that you've been recruited through. During the workshop, you will take part in some activities related to Large Language Models, and we will ask you about your experiences by chatting to you and by asking you to fill out some questionnaires.

You can tell us if you want to stop doing any of the activities. You do not have to tell us why. Please tell us if you need the toilet, or if you want to take a break. You can also say you do not want to help any more, and that is OK. We will always listen to you.

We will occasionally take a photograph of you participating in the workshop, to be able to show others how the workshops went. When sharing these photos, we will always make sure that you cannot be identified from them (for example, by blurring your face).

What will happen after I have participated in the workshop?

We will learn a lot about how children can learn about AI from the things that you do and say when you take part in the experiment. We will write about what we have learned, and use it to develop new methods for teaching computing. Sometimes we will show people photographs of children taking part in the different activities.

Can I ask a question?

It is OK to have more questions. You can ask us as many questions as you want about the workshop. At the workshop, you can ask us directly. Outside, you can ask your parents/guardians to write an email with your questions.