



Are you interested in taking part in the research project:

”International schools social significance”

This is an inquiry about participation in a research project where the main purpose is to study the social significance of international schools. In this letter we will give you information about the purpose of the project and what your participation will involve.

Purpose of the project

The purpose of the project is to study and develop knowledge about the social importance that international schools in Norway have. The project will try to uncover whether international schools contribute to the procurement of labor and competence to Norway. The project will primarily focus on employees with high education.

The main research question is as following:

What social significance does international schools have for attracting foreign expertise to Norway?

The project is in collaboration with the masters degree in organization, leadership and work at the University of Oslo. At the same time we would like to open for the opportunity to use the data collected in this study in a later master thesis.

Who is responsible for the research project?

This project is a collaboration between the University of Oslo and Abelia, which is NHO (Næringslivets Hovedorganisasjon) association for knowledge and technology companies. Abelia owns the project, which will be executed by five master students in the program organization, leadership and knowledge. In addition, the project has a supervisor, who is an employee from a consulting firm called Agenda Kaupang.

Why are you being asked to participate?

You are being asked to fill out this survey for this research project, because you fulfill the selection criterias and are part of the desired target group.

What does participation involve for you?

If you chose to take part in the project, this will signify that you are willing to complete a survey. It will take approx. 5-10 minutes to complete. In the survey you will be asked questions about your thoughts concerning international schools, the reasoning for sending your children to international schools etc. Your answers will be recorded electronically, and you will be anonymous.



Participation is voluntary

Participation in the project is voluntary. If you chose to participate, you can withdraw your consent at any time without giving a reason. All information about you will then be made anonymous. There will be no negative consequences for you if you choose not to participate or later decide to withdraw. Your participation will not have any negative impact on your relations to the school.

Your personal privacy – how we will store and use your personal data

We will only use your personal data for the purpose(s) specified in this information letter. We will process your personal data confidentially and in accordance with data protection legislation (the General Data Protection Regulation and Personal Data Act).

- It is only the five master students executing the project, the supervisor, Abelia and the person responsible for evaluating the project that will have access to the personal data.
- We will take the following measures in order to prevent unauthorized people from accessing the data:
 - The data will be saved on an appropriate server approved by the University of Oslo.
- The participants of the project will be anonymous, and organizations will only be named if we have their consent to do so.
- You will be able to give your consent in the electronic survey.

What will happen to your personal data at the end of the research project?

The project is scheduled to end 9th of July 2022. When the project ends the answers given on the survey will be saved in a secure location.

Your rights

As long as you can be identified in the collected data, you have the right to:

- access the personal data that is being processed about you
- request that your personal data is deleted
- request that incorrect personal data about you is corrected/rectified
- receive a copy of your personal data (data portability), and
- send a complaint to the Data Protection Officer or The Norwegian Data Protection Authority regarding the processing of your personal data

What gives us the right to process your personal data?

We will process your personal data based on your consent.

Data Protection Services, NSD - Norsk senter for forskningsdata AS, has assessed that the processing of personal data in this project is in accordance with data protection legislation.



Where can I learn more?

If you have questions about the project, or want to exercise your rights, contact:

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- Our Data Protection Officer: [Roger Markgraf-Bye](#)
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