

CYBERSENGA PHASE FOUR TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT: YOUTH ASSENT FORM

Background/ Purpose

You are one of 10 students being asked to take part in a study about computer use among adolescents in Mbarara. The study will help us learn how well students are able to use the computer. It also will help us learn what skills we can teach students to use the computer and Internet better.

Procedures

The study will take place at the CyberSenga study office. We will provide transport to the office. You will be asked to do things on the computer, such as start the computer, use the mouse and the key board to type and point at different programmes, open up a software program or the Internet. At the end, we will ask you to do a short survey that asks you questions about yourself and things you like to do. The study will take about 1 hour.

Risks and Discomforts

The risks of participating in the study are low. It is possible that you might feel frustrated if you have trouble doing one of the computer tasks we ask you to do. If this happens, you can (a) take a rest or (b) stop completely.

Benefits

This research is intended to help us create a website that will help prevent the spread of HIV among youth. There is no benefit to you to take part in this study.

Compensation

You shall not be paid to participate in the study. You shall receive one hour of free Internet time or an equivalent of a free cell phone airtime card, depending on your choice.

Confidentiality

Only researchers will be able to see your answers. Your name will not be used in any reports or articles we publish. We will not tell your parents, your teachers at school, or anyone else what you say during the Council meetings.

All computer files will be protected with a password. This will protect your privacy.

It is possible that your privacy will be broken. We will do everything we can to prevent this.

Rights of Refusal and Withdrawal

Taking part in this study is your choice. If you do not want to take part in the study, you do not have to.

If you change your mind after you have started the study and you decide you don't want to continue taking part, you are free to stop. This decision will not change your marks in school or any future medical care.

Questions and Contact Numbers

If you don't understand something, or if you want more information, please ask now.

If you have questions about the study, you may contact Dennis Nabembezi, the Study Coordinator on telephone number: 0772 568 359. You may visit him at the study offices located at Internet Solutions for Kids-Uganda, Plot 97, Stanley Road , Kashaka building , Second floor next to Stanbic Bank Mbarara branch.

If you have questions about your rights as a student taking part in the study, you may call Emmanuel Kyagaba, Chairman of the Institutional Ethical Review Committee of Mbarara University of Science and Technology on telephone number: 0772 485 21387.

Signatures

I understand the information above. I have been able to ask questions. All questions have been answered. I would like to take part in the study.

I know that I can stop at any time. If I stop, it will not change my marks in school or future medical care.

I agree to take part in this study.

 Signature of the Student

 Date