*Information Sheet: please read before filling in the questionnaire, or taking part in an interview*

Dear Pursuit of Knowledge/The Examined Life participant,

This year we are collecting information to help us to find out more about how you feel about taking part in a philosophy conference. We are doing this to build a better picture of the value of philosophy in education. This information sheet is designed to help you to decide whether you would like to take part in our study.

Our main question: **How do you feel about the value of a secondary school philosophy conference?**

We are collecting information to find out if you think that coming to a philosophy conference is valuable, and how it might be valuable. There is already research into Philosophy for Children, but we want to know whether our philosophy conference has similar effects. We are asking similar questions to other studies so that we can compare results. There are also two questions at the beginning where we are hoping that you will tell us about your own thoughts on the value of the conference. Our research questions are:

1. How do you feel about the value of philosophy?
2. Is this conference valuable in the ways that Philosophy for Children is valuable?
3. How might philosophy help create better societies?

It is important that you understand what it is that we are researching before you agree to take part. If you have any questions, please ask them before filling in the questionnaire. You will have the opportunity to do this at the conference, or you can email the address at the bottom of this sheet at any point.

You do not need to fill in the questionnaire, and if you decide not to, there will be no consequences. If you fill in the questionnaire but decide that you do not want us to use your answers, you can pull out of the study at any point before the 1st of October 2019. Since we will collect your names, your questionnaires will not be anonymous. However, all of your answers will be stored safely, and we will treat all answers as confidential. This means that no one will know who said what. We will stop storing your names after the 1st of October. We will share our research findings with you once they are ready.

If you wish to withdraw, please email [jog677@student.bham.ac.uk](mailto:jog677@student.bham.ac.uk) to let us know. You do not need to give your reasons.

Yours sincerely,

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