

CONSENT FORM

Purpose & Goals:

Alexander Oehler, a graduate student in interdisciplinary studies (Anthropology/First Nations Studies) at the University of Northern British Columbia, is conducting an interview, a focus group, and/or administering a questionnaire as part of his master's thesis research entitled "*Inuvialuit language and identity: perspectives on the symbolic meaning of Inuvialuktun in the Canadian Western Arctic.*" As a research participant/co-investigator, I understand that I was chosen as a participant for this study because I am an Inuvialuit beneficiary, and I realize that Alexander Oehler will interview me based on a series of open-ended questions, a focus group, and/or a questionnaire as part of the research project.

Benefits:

The findings of this study are hoped to provide a better understanding of the role of Inuvialuktun in the lives of current and potential Inuvialuktun language learners. The gathered data is also expected to point out motivational factors encouraging or discouraging current or potential learners of Inuvialuktun. Insights gained from this study will benefit Inuvialuit community language planners and educators (IRC, ICRC, Aurora College) in the preparation of language teaching materials and Inuvialuktun promotion. As participant/co-investigator, I will also receive a \$10.00 iTunes gift card upon completion of the questionnaire, and will be entered in a draw for an iPod.

Dissemination of Results:

I understand that the results of this study will be made available to the public in electronic format via a project-related website located at: inuvialuktun.unbc.ca. Printed summaries of research findings will also be made available at the Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre. Additionally, Alexander Oehler is planning to hold several public presentations, disseminating research results to the community of Inuvik, which will be announced on the project web site.

Data Use:

I understand that Alexander Oehler will use data collected through my participation in interview(s), questionnaire(s), and/or I understand that Alexander Oehler will use data collected through my participation in interview(s), questionnaire(s), and/or focus group(s) for the purpose of his Master's thesis. Alexander Oehler will record and transcribe all interviews for his use. He will also share the transcripts of interviews, along with questionnaire data, with the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation (IRC), the Inuvialuit Cultural Resource Centre (ICRC), Aurora College, and the Beaufort Delta Education Council (BDEC) for their reference. Alexander Oehler will keep copies of the original sound files in a safe location for a period of up to one year past the defense of his thesis, after which time all recordings in his possession will be destroyed permanently. Alexander Oehler may use transcribed research data for academic writing and publication in academic journals, books, and conference presentations after the original voice recordings have been destroyed. As a research participant, I understand that I can choose to remain anonymous, or be credited in name in all of Alexander Oehler's future publications and in all data shared by indicating my choice below:

I choose to remain anonymous: ____

I choose to be identified by name: ____

Potential Risk: I realize that given the small research sample size, and the small size of Inuvialuit communities, perfect anonymity on a community level may not be achievable. Even if I chose to remain anonymous in all publication and/or intra-organizational data sharing, there may remain the risk of direct or indirect association between my person and the data I provided, allowing the partnering organizations, other project participants, or community members to identify me. For this reason perfect confidentiality cannot be guaranteed, which could possibly lead to the use of information in a manner potentially disadvantageous to me. I also realize that Alexander Oehler cannot take responsibility for the use of the data by IRC, ICRC, Aurora College, or BDEC.

I understand and agree that the information I have given to Alexander Oehler in our interview(s), focus groups(s), and/or questionnaire(s) of the following date(s), MONTH:_____ DAY:_____ YEAR:_____ will be treated as follows:

1. In the case that I opt to remain anonymous, this consent is given on the understanding that Alexander Oehler will use his best efforts to guarantee that my identity is protected and my confidentiality maintained, both directly and indirectly.
2. I participate in this study freely and understand that I may terminate my participation in the interview, focus group, and/or questionnaire at any point and can withdraw from the research process at any time.
3. In the case of an interview or focus group, audio and/or video recordings and/or hand written notes will be made during our discussion. I can request discontinuation of electronic means of recording at any time during our discussion, or opt against electronic means of recording all together, in which case hand-written notes will be taken.
4. All names will be removed from data before it is shared with IRC, ICRC, and Aurora College, in case I opted for anonymity.
5. During the period of data collection (June 1 - December 20, 2011) all recorded data will be stored by Alexander Oehler in a secure location in his private residence at 52 Bootlake Road.
6. I can request a transcript and/or sound file of my interview by contacting Alexander Oehler by phone: 867-777-3706, via postal mail: P.O.Box 2576, Inuvik, NT, X0E 0T0, or by email: oehler@unbc.ca.
7. All parties to the interview, focus group, and/or questionnaire will retain a copy of this agreement.
8. I understand that if I have any comments or concerns I can contact Dr. Bouchard at (250) 960-5643, or the Research Ethics Board at UNBC at (250) 960-6735 or by email at reb@unbc.ca.

NAME: _____

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

RESEARCHER: _____

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____