

Invitation to take part in a research project on innovative professional development

Dear teacher,

You are invited to participate in the *TeachUP* (Teacher Upskilling) project, a major European policy experimentation funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus + Programme, to investigate the effectiveness of tutoring support in online professional development courses. Participation is voluntary and unpaid but offers a range of benefits open to teachers taking part in this experimentation.

Following acceptance of this invitation, you will be invited to sign up for up to four self-paced online courses on new teaching competences (formative assessment, personalised learning, collaboration, and creative thinking, all focusing on classroom implementation practice) during the 2018-19 scholastic year completely free of charge. With relevant video and other materials, engaging learning activities and the possibility to exchange with other teachers online, these online courses offer a great training opportunity on innovative approaches to teaching and learning that teachers can follow at their best convenience (at any time and from any place). Every three-week course requires around nine hours to complete the activities. The courses will be provided in English. Teachers taking the course/s will be requested to complete two short online questionnaires at the beginning and at the end of the scholastic year. In return, the project will report the overall research findings to the participating institution. All participants in the project will receive a certificate of participation.

Please register your interest on the following URL:

<https://goo.gl/Xz1cHD>

Do not hesitate to contact Mr Stephen Bezzina (stephen.bezzina@ilearn.edu.mt) should you have any questions about this invitation.

Regards,

Directorate for Learning & Assessment Programmes