

ASSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Making Space:

A Pedagogical Study of Equity in Maker Education

1. My name is Kate Weishaar, and I am a current undergraduate student at MIT.
2. We are asking you to take part in a research study because we are trying to learn more about the factors in introductory maker workshops that affect student confidence, identity, and desire to learn more.
3. If you agree to be in this study, you will take part in a 2-hour workshop offered as a class during MIT Spark. The workshop will not be noticeably different from any other class, except there will be a short survey before and after the workshop.
4. You will not face any additional risks beyond what you would otherwise face by participating in Spark, but your survey data and observations from the workshop may be included in my thesis. At no point, however, will I use your name in my thesis.
5. You will benefit from this study by getting to take part in a Spark class that is based on a significant amount of research and planning. You will also be contributing to existing knowledge about the best ways to teach maker skills to students your age.
6. Please talk this over with your parents before you decide whether or not to participate. We will also ask your parents to give their permission for you to take part in this study. But even if your parents say “yes” you can still decide not to do this.
7. If you don’t want to be in this study, you don’t have to participate. Remember, being in this study is up to you and no one will be upset if you don’t want to participate or even if you change your mind later and want to stop.
8. You can ask any questions that you have about the study by emailing me now at katew@mit.edu or asking me during Spark. If you have a question later that you didn’t think of now, you can call me 301-928-8323 or ask me over email. You can also call the Chairman of the Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects at M.I.T. at 1-617-253 6787 if you feel you have been treated unfairly.
9. Signing your name at the bottom means that you agree to be in this study. You and your parents will be given a copy of this form after you have signed it.

Name of Subject

Date