

## LETTER CIRCULAR - Institute for Education

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**From:** Joanne Grima – CEO

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**Subject:** Participation in Research Projects

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Course participants of the Institute for Education are currently conducting research projects as part of their Bachelor and Master dissertations that you are kindly being invited to participate in.

Please see below the research projects being conducted and the target audience for each project.

Your contribution to these research projects is highly appreciated since the profession and the education sector will benefit from your precious collaboration.

Should you have any queries regarding these research projects, kindly contact the course participant in question.

Thank you.

**Joanne Grima**  
**CEO Institute for Education**

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**Research title:** **The Role of the Senior Leadership Team in Promoting Class Teachers' Wellbeing in Primary Schools**

**Target audience:** Teachers and SLT members of all primary schools in Malta and Gozo

**Researcher:** Deborah Ann Montebello, [deborah.ann.montebello@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:deborah.ann.montebello@ilearn.edu.mt)

**About this research:** This research investigates the role of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) in promoting class teachers' wellbeing in primary schools. The strategies currently being implemented by SLT members to help their teachers' positive wellbeing will be investigated. Data will be collected through online questionnaires with class teachers and SLT members of all primary state schools in Malta and Gozo.

**Survey – class teachers:** <https://forms.office.com/r/WDi5ar1CJ1>

**Survey –SLT members:** <https://forms.office.com/r/vSKKRpGiJL>

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**Research title:** **A study on the teachers' levels of understanding of mindfulness practice amongst learners in primary state schools**

**Target audience:** State school educators in the primary years from St Benedict College, St Ignatius College and St Theresa College

**Researcher:** Cynthia Debono, [debonocynthia@gmail.com](mailto:debonocynthia@gmail.com)

**About this research:** The research investigates whether state school educators are aware of the benefits of mindfulness, utilize mindfulness as a teaching tool or are willing to employ mindfulness as a tool in the classroom.

**Survey:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1a8tq-dR11IyNrSMcQSshTH-leJ2ObAhZmFxcFYzFiN8/edit>

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**Research title:** Educational Leadership and Teachers' Well-being: Strategies and Practices for supporting the Well-being of Teachers in Maltese Secondary State Schools

**Target audience:** Survey with teachers in Secondary State Schools  
Interviews with Heads of School of Secondary State Schools

**Researcher:** Nigel Farrugia, [nigel.farrugia@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:nigel.farrugia@ilearn.edu.mt)

**About this research:** This research investigates the strategies and practices currently implemented regarding teachers' wellbeing and health at the workplace. It also explores and proposes new strategies and practices that can be implemented in schools to support and improve the wellbeing and health of teachers.

**Survey:** <https://forms.office.com/r/n5RPH3Pzpq>

**Interviews:** Interested Heads of School kindly contact [nigel.farrugia@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:nigel.farrugia@ilearn.edu.mt)

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**Research title:** The Role of Secondary School Educational Leaders in Identifying and Responding to Child Sexual Abuse

**Target audience:** Survey with all Secondary School Educational Leaders (Heads of School, Acting Heads of School and Assistant Heads of School)  
Interviews with interested Heads of School

**Researcher:** Neal Sammut, [neal.sammut@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:neal.sammut@ilearn.edu.mt)

**About this research:** The dissertation shall provide new evidence and understanding regarding the extent of secondary school educational leaders' involvement in identifying and responding to child sexual abuse within the Maltese context. It shall also consider the individual experience of a number of secondary school educational leaders and how they respond to potential cases of child sexual abuse.

**Survey:** <https://forms.gle/3zq2VETHgcARWnTy9>

**Interviews:** Interested Heads of School kindly contact [neal.sammut@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:neal.sammut@ilearn.edu.mt)

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**Research title:** **The Relationship between School Autonomy and School Responsiveness from the Perspective of Heads of Primary Schools in Malta**

**Target audience:** Survey with all Heads of primary schools in Malta (State and non-State), i.e., any year group or groups from Year 1 to Year 6 of compulsory education

Interviews with 7 interested Heads of School

**Researcher:** David Polidano, [david.polidano@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:david.polidano@ilearn.edu.mt)

**About this research:** By investigating the possible relationship between school autonomy and school responsiveness from the perspective of Heads of primary schools in Malta, this research seeks to reflect on the role of school autonomy for schools' effective responsiveness to ever changing demands of today's world. It can indicate to policy makers what intervention on school autonomy, if any, may be needed to impact school responsiveness in a way that is conducive to school improvement.

**Survey:** <https://forms.office.com/r/4ci07RTZBw>

**Interviews:** Interested Heads of School kindly contact [david.polidano@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:david.polidano@ilearn.edu.mt)