

Research and Ethics Proposal for Dissertation Projects
BA Commercial Dance

Section 1: Project Details		
Project Title	<i>Sexualisation versus empowerment in heels dance Documentary – Independent project ethics form.</i>	
Student Name	<i>Amelia griffin</i>	
Application Category (select one)	<i>BA (Hons) Commercial Dance</i>	Yes
	<i>BA (Hons) Musical Theatre</i>	No
		No
Intended research start date	<i>Sunday November 9th 2025</i>	
Intended research end date	<i>The week before Submission</i>	
Has this project been considered by another (external) Research Ethics Committee? <i>If yes, please provide the following information, and submit a copy of the approval letter with this application.</i>		No
External Committee Name:	<i>n/a</i>	
Date of Approval:	<i>n/a</i>	

Section 2: Project Summary
Research methods (select all that apply) <i>Please attach questionnaires, visual methods and schedules for interviews (even in draft form).</i> ● Interviews ● Focus Groups ● Questionnaires ● Practice as Research ● Observation ● Use of Personal Records ● Systematic Review <i>(if only method used, go to section 7)</i> ● Secondary Data Analysis <i>(if only method used, go to section 7)</i>

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- **Advisory / Consultation / Collaborative Groups**
- **Other** (please give details)

Please provide an overview of your research.

This should include some or all of the following: purpose of the research, aims, main research questions, research design, participants, sampling, your method of data collection (e.g., observations, interviews, questionnaires, etc.) and kind of questions that will be asked.

Section 3: Participants

Will your research involve human participants?

Yes

If not, go to section 5.

Who are the participants (i.e., what sort of people will be involved?)

- **Children (under 18)**
- **Young People (aged 16-18)**
- **Adults At Risk**
- **Adults** (please specify below) 18+ Heels dancers
- **Unknown** (please specify below)
- **Other** (please specify below)

If participants are under the responsibility of others (such as parents, guardians, teachers, medical staff, etc.), how do you intend to obtain permission to approach the participants to take part in the study?

Please attach approach letters or details of permission procedures.

n/a

How will the participants be recruited (identified and approached)? Email or Social media.

Describe the process you will use to inform participants about what you are doing. I will be sending out a survey and then I will be sending out a document about the documentary and a consent form.

How will you obtain the consent of participants? Will this be written?

How will it be made clear to participants that they may withdraw consent to participate at any time?

Please note that the method of consent should be appropriate to the research and fully explained. I will be sending a consent form for them to fill out.

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Studies involving questionnaires <i>Will participants be given the option of omitting questions they do not wish to answer?</i>	Yes
<i>If NO, please explain why below, and ensure that you cover any ethical issues arising from this in section 6.</i>	
Studies involving observation <i>Confirm whether participants will be asked for their informed consent to be observed.</i>	Yes
<i>If NO, read the guidelines (Ethical Issues section), and explain why below and ensure that you cover any ethical issues arising from this in section 6.</i>	
Might participants experience anxiety, discomfort or embarrassment as a result of your study? (maybe depending on their experience)	Yes
<i>If YES, what steps will you take to explain and minimise this? If NO, explain how you can be sure that no discomfort or embarrassment will arise? Assure them that everything is confidential and that if they would like to withdraw, they can't at any point.</i>	
Will your project involve deliberately misleading participants (deception) in any way?	No
<i>If YES, please provide further details below and ensure that you cover any ethical issues arising from this in section 6.</i>	
Will you debrief participants at the end of their participation (i.e. give them a brief explanation of the study)?	Yes
<i>If NO, please explain why below and ensure that you cover any ethical issues arising from this in section 6.</i>	
Will participants be given information about the findings of your study? <i>This could be a brief summary of your findings in general; it is not the same as an individual debriefing.</i>	Yes
<i>If NO, why not?</i>	

Section 4: Systematic Review of Research

Only complete if applicable

Will you be collecting any new data from participants?	Yes
Will you be analysing any secondary data?	Yes
<i>If YES, please give further details in Section 6: Ethical Issues</i>	

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If your methods do not involve engagement with participants (e.g. systematic review, literature review) and if you have answered No to both questions, please go to Section 6.

Section 5: Security-sensitive Material

Security sensitive research includes but is not limited to concerns terrorist or extreme groups.

Will you be visiting websites associated with extreme or terrorist organisations?	No
Will you be storing or transmitting any materials that could be interpreted as promoting or endorsing terrorist acts?	No

*If YES, please give further details in **Section 6: Ethical Issues***

If your methods do not involve engagement with participants (e.g. systematic review, literature review) and if you have answered No to both questions, please go to Section 5.

Section 6: Ethical Issues

It is important that you demonstrate your awareness of potential risks or harm that may arise as a result of your research. You should demonstrate that you have considered ways to minimise the likelihood and impact of each potential harm that you have identified.

Please consider / address ALL issues that may apply.

Ethical concerns may include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

Methods, sampling, recruitment, gatekeepers, informed consent, potentially vulnerable participants, safeguarding protection, sensitive topics, international research, risks to participants and/or researchers, confidentiality/anonymity, disclosures/limits to confidentiality, data storage and security both during and after the research (including transfer, sharing, encryption, protection), reporting, dissemination and use of findings.

Are there particular features of the proposed work which may raise ethical concerns or add to the complexity of ethical decision making?	No
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If YES, please outline how you will deal with these. Please be as specific as possible in describing the ethical issues you will have to address.

Section 7: Declaration

I have discussed the ethical issues relating to my research with my Module/Leader.			Yes
I have read, understood and will abide by the following set of guidelines.			Yes
BERA - 5th Edition (2024)	Yes	Other (please state)	No

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	No		No
I confirm that to the best of my knowledge: <i>The above information is correct and that this is a full description of the ethics issues that may arise in the course of this project.</i>			Yes
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Date:	Thursday 6 th November 2025		

Departmental Use	
<i>If a proposal raises ethics issues, or a more detailed review would be appropriate, Module Leaders may refer the application to the Ethics Committee for consideration.</i>	
Ethics Committee Review	
Module Leader (or EC designate) name	
Comments	
Module Leader (or EC designate) signature	
Decisions	
- Approved - Referred back to applicant and Module Leader - Referred to EC for review	
Recorded in the Student Records	
Date decision was made:	Date