



**Participant Invitation Email (for Parents of Children Aged 12-17)**

**Study Title:** Creative Art Therapy in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

**Principal Investigator/Supervisor:** Dr. Jackelina Pando-Kelly, Clinical Lecturer, Department of Paediatrics and Child Health

**Student Researcher:** Sydney Brannen, School of Medicine, UCC

Hello,

My name is Sydney Brannen. I am a Medical Student at University College Cork.

I wish to carry out a research study on the effects of creative art therapy on children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. My supervisor is Dr. Jackelina Pando-Kelly, Clinical Lecturer at University College Cork in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health. I would like your help to understand how you feel creative art therapy has helped your children with their diagnosis, if you and your child feel comfortable, we would be grateful if your child could give their views on how art therapy has helped them also.

Should you wish to take part you will be asked to complete a short online questionnaire anonymously. This will take approximately 20 minutes. Your child will also be invited to complete their own short online questionnaire. They do not need to complete it, even if you are taking part. If they so wish, their questionnaire will take approximately 10 minutes.

Your participation is voluntary and you are free to withdraw at any time. Should you wish to withdraw, any information that you have given will be discarded.

No identifiable information about you or your child will be collected. Should you decide to participate, the information gathered as part of this study will be used only in this study.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Kind regards,

Sydney Brannen  
Medical Student

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*If you are still interested in taking part please click the link below to access your Qualtrics survey:*

[https://ucc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_807c73vNMgl7ae2](https://ucc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_807c73vNMgl7ae2)

If your child is interested in partaking, please provide them with the attached information sheet in this email. If they are still interested in partaking after reading the information sheet, please click the link below to access their Qualtrics Survey:

[https://ucc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dotZGxlzZwzl7Aa](https://ucc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dotZGxlzZwzl7Aa)