



Gaisce Sugar Tax Challenge

Consent Form for Management

You are invited to be a part of a Gaisce Citizen Science Project, in association with UCD and RCSI. This programme has been designed by a research team made up of staff of professionals at UCD and RCSI, with an aim understanding Irish citizens dietary behaviour, regarding the beverages they purchase and consume, as well as the environmental factors that influence them. This project also aims to empower young people by providing them with the skills and tools necessary to investigate how to make their communities healthier, happier and more sustainable places to live, as well as creating the next generation of thought leaders in health and well-being

Specifically, we aim to observational data on a variety of beverage types and how they are promoted, since the introduction of the sugar tax, which was implement on the 1st of May 2018. The observational data we aim to collect is as follows; availability of specific beverage categories (soft drinks, juices, water, etc.), brands, and prices, as well as the number of advertisements and promotional offers, for each of these products.

The following instructions have been given to Gaisce participants to ease any concern you may have;

- At the beginning of each day of data collection, Gaisce participants will make themselves and the reasons they are present, known to senior members of staff.
- Gaisce participants will work independently, with no staff supervision needed.
- No more than two participants will be present on site at one time.
- Participants will not interact with any member of the public while collecting data.
- Participants will spend no longer than 1 hour on store property, each day.
- Stores will be kept anonymous and no information will be identifiable during analysis of data or in the publication of work.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and you are free to withdraw at any time by informing the citizen science researchers, and their Presidents Award Leader (PAL). If you would like any more information or have any concerns about the study before, during, and after participation, please the UCD research assistant via the email address provided below:

- *James O'Connor – Research Assistant:* sugartaxucd@gmail.com

To take part, please tick the box indicating your agreement to the following statements.

I confirm that I have read and understood the information sheet for the study. Yes No

I understand that my participation is voluntary, and I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason. Yes No

I give my consent to allow and provide the information requested for this study. Yes No

Name: _____

Signature: _____