Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

My name is Jacqlyne Titus a current Master’s student in the department of Drama for Life from the University of the Witwatersrand. I am conducting a study to learn more about the relationship between home and personal agency among adolescents. This will contribute to the completion of my Master’s degree in Applied Drama and Theatre. The study will be based on personal accounts/autobiographical stories, the participants’ response to the process and my observations from the workshop process with the group. The workshop process will be made up of two different sections, (i) collecting the personal accounts/autobiographical stories pertaining the participants’ ideas of how home affects or doesn’t affect personal agency. In this section, the participants will be partaking in various creative processes that make use of drama and theatre and, (ii) creating a theatre piece in collaboration with the rest of the group making use of the stories collected from the first section.

If you consent to this study please note that are agreeing to allow _______________ (name of participant) to be a participant in these workshops. The participants will be a part of group who will be a part of generating material and creating a theatre piece. In the workshop process there will be extensive focus put on internal reflection through journaling (which will be guided by structured questions from the facilitator and which will be done by keeping record of personal progress and experience of the workshop in a notebook) and verbal dialogue with the other participants involved in the study. Please also note that audio and video recording devices will be made use of for archiving and to
ensure that the data is accurate. This material will not be used to be presented in the final theatre piece but will be used as a means to capture the data from each session accurately, this material will not be seen by anyone other than myself and my supervisor, this video material as well as the journaling will be regarded as confidential research material. The data recorded and journaled will be kept in a locked file cabinet or on a password protected computer. To protect the participants’ privacy, personal, identifiable information (such as names and identifiable physical features) will be removed from study/research documents and replaced with a study identifier or pseudonym (a made up name). Identifying information will be stored separately from data and will be kept safely. Transcriptions of audio data will be kept on a password protected computer and only me and my supervisor will have access to this information.

If you have any questions pertaining to the research, feel free to contact me on 481020@students.wits.ac.za. Alternatively, you may contact my supervisor, Petro Janse Van Vuuren at: petro.jansevanvuuren@wits.ac.za

Participation in this research is entirely voluntary. The participant may refuse to participate or withdraw at any time without consequence or loss of benefits. Withdrawal can be done in person or through the contact details provided.