Dear colleagues,

My name is Edit McIntosh and I am a Doctoral student in Education at Victoria University of Wellington. I had a very short presentation within the *Future-oriented Science education - what could this look like?* section and I had permission from the organisers to recruit participants to my study. Unfortunately, the conference had to be presented online, so I wasn't able to connect with you in person. I am asking you to consider completing my survey.  I am studying teachers' views on the Nature of Science strand of the curriculum and students’ ideas about the nature of scientific knowledge. I started my research in 2018, but now, I believe gaining more information about teachers' views on the Nature of Science strand of the curriculum became even more important in light of the proposed changes to the Level 1 NCEA standards.

The data gained from these responses will contribute to my Doctoral thesis, however, the findings of Teachers' Survey will be ready for publication by the end of March 2021. The review process has been delayed due to the pandemic and the election, so the information I am gathering will still be very useful.  This research is an independent study, so it is not influenced by neither view of NZQA and the Ministry of Education and all responses will be presented in a non-biased manner. The findings could help to inform the Ministry of Education and NZQA about teachers' views, based on a robust statistical and qualitative data analysis, given a relatively large sample size is achieved from a variety of schools. This research has been approved by the Victoria University of Wellington Human Ethics Committee (ResearchMaster application reference number 0000027433).

**Phase 1:** I am inviting **science teachers to complete a short, approximately 20-minute survey in Term 4 2020** to gain some information about their practices and opinions of teaching the Nature of Science strand of the curriculum.

If you would like to participate in Phase 1 then please follow this link and complete the survey:

<http://vuw.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8CwenCfvbmh7nG5>

**Please share this email with other science teachers of your departments.**

**Phase 2** involves student participation and at the end of the Teachers' Survey you can indicate if you are interested in taking part in the second phase.

If you have any questions, either now or in the future, please feel free to contact either:

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 Thank you for considering my invitation.

Kind regards,

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