



Opportunity to Contribute to a Research Project on Child Safety

Creating Safer Futures: Raising Public Awareness of Child Sexual Abuse Through Digital Storytelling

Researchers at La Trobe University are seeking to appoint 8 people aged between 18-24 years old as members of a Youth Panel for a research project commissioned by the National Centre for Action on Child Sexual Abuse. The project aims to identify a new approach to raising awareness and engaging young adult audiences on the difficult topic of child sexual abuse (CSA). This work contributes to strategies aimed at preventing CSA and destigmatising experiences of CSA. The Youth Panel will ensure young people's perspectives are centred.

What will the Youth Panel be asked to do?

Members of the Youth Panel will (1) participate in approximately 4-6 one hour meetings with the project team in 2024 and 2025; (2) be invited to participate in a two-day workshop; and (3) provide input the development of a new digital storytelling prototype. Youth Panel members may also be asked to provide input and/or feedback on a Fact Sheet.

What will the two-day workshop involve?

A key part of the study involves a two-day workshop that will bring together the project researchers, members of the project Youth Panel, an Advocate Advisory Committee (comprising Australian child rights campaigners), and a leading digital design company. The workshop will develop the design principles for a prototype storytelling model aimed at young adults and suited to the digital media age. The storytelling prototype aims to be trauma informed, strength based and victim-survivor centred.

Reimbursement of costs

Membership of the Youth Panel is a voluntary position. A participant reimbursement in the form of a \$200 gift card will be provided to the Youth Panel each year as a token of appreciation for people's time. Travel costs will be reimbursed.

Project Approval

This project has received approval from the Human Research Ethics Committee at La Trobe University (HREC Approval Number HEC24026).

Interested in being part of the Youth Panel?

If you are interested in being a member of the Safer Futures Youth Panel, please send your 'Expression of Interest' by email to Taryn Baker, Research Officer Safer Futures, T.Baker@latrobe.edu.au. The Expression of Interest email should include a short summary about yourself and why you are interested in becoming involved in the project. We welcome expressions of interest from young people from all backgrounds, abilities and identities.

Want further information?

For further information, please contact Taryn Baker, Research Officer Safer Futures, by email on T.Baker@latrobe.edu.au or by telephone on (03) 9479 5112.