



Information Sheet

Project: Spaces of Belonging

Who is doing the research?

We are four researchers. Carey-Ann Morrison and Esther Woodbury will talk to people at the interviews. Carey-Ann works for ImagineBetter and the University of Waikato. Esther works for the Disabled Persons Assembly. Lynda Johnston and Robyn Longhurst work at the University of Waikato. They will also be part of the project.

Where will the research happen?

The research will happen in Wellington. We will let you know the exact details of the place where the research will happen at a later date. The place will be accessible and it will be somewhere private.

What is this research about and why is it important?

For this research we will ask you about the places you feel you belong and feel welcome, and the places that you don't feel you belong and don't feel welcome. We will talk about why you feel this way. We will also talk about what helps you feel like you belong, and what makes it hard for you to feel like you belong.

It is important that you are able to tell us about your life, the things that matter to you, and the places that you feel welcome or not welcome. This information can be used to help make sure that all kinds of different people feel welcome and included.

What will I have to do as part of research?

There are two parts of research. You can choose to be involved in both parts, or only one part. The first part is a small group interview with two other people. The researchers, Carey-Ann and Esther, will also be there.

At the small group interview, we might talk about our homes, places where we do hobbies, places we meet with friends, and the places we work. There are no right or wrong answers. We want to know what you think and feel. It will take about one hour. If you don't want to talk in front of other people, you can choose to talk just to the researchers.

The second part of research is a focus group interview. There will be around 10 people at the focus group, and the researchers. At the focus group we will talk more about belonging. The

focus group interview will take around one and a half hours. There are no right or wrong answers.

What will happen with the information from the research?

When the research is finished, we will send you a written copy of our conversations so that you can make sure you are happy with what you said. If you change your mind about something you said, you can ask for it to be changed or taken out of the research.

The research will be published in order to help other people in similar situations. You might want to help us talk about the research to people and share what we have done in the research. We will send you information that explains what we found out from doing the research.

How will the information be stored?

We will use an audio recorder during interviews. This will help all of us remember what was said. The only people who will listen to the recordings will be the researchers. After we have talked with you, these recordings will be kept at safe at Carey-Ann's office for five years. If we still want to use the information you told us after five years we will come back and ask for your permission.

Will people be able to tell I took part in the research?

To make sure people won't know your private information, you can choose to change your name and your age and other information about who you are. You can choose the name you will be known by in the research. If you want, you can use your real name. If you want to help us talk about the research and what we found out then people will know who you are.

What happens if I don't want to do the research anymore?

If you decide you don't want to be part of the research anymore you can tell us up to one month after we send you the copy of your interview. If we don't hear from you we will think you are happy to be kept involved in the research. If you don't want to be part of the research anymore you don't need to tell us why.

Who do I talk to if I'm worried or unhappy?

It is very important that you feel safe during the research. The University of Waikato has said that this research is safe for people. If you are unhappy or worried about anything, you can talk to the researchers. If you don't want to talk to the researchers, or if you have talked to them and you are still unhappy, you can contact the University of Waikato, or the Health and Disability Advocacy Service. We have listed contact details below. If you choose, you can bring a person you trust to the interviews to support you.

How can I contact the researchers?

Researcher: Carey-Ann Morrison

Email: carey-ann.morrison@imaginebetter.co.nz

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Researcher: Esther Woodbury

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Researcher: Lynda Johnston

Email: lynda.johnston@waikato.ac.nz

Phone: 07 838 9172

Researcher: Robyn Longhurst

Email: robyn.longhurst@waikato.ac.nz

Phone: 07 837 9173

How can I contact the University of Waikato, and the Health and Disability Advocacy Service?

University of Waikato Ethics Committee

Email: fass-ethics@waikato.ac.nz

Health and Disability Advocacy Service

Email: advocacy@advocacy.org.nz

Phone: 0800 555 050