

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

EXPANDING CONNECTION PROJECT

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ETHICS COMMITTEE REF:



Kia ora,

You are invited to participate in a survey on connection and identity for Māori youth. This study is being conducted by Dr Logan Hamley (Ngāti Rangi, Whanganui) from Whakauae Research Services. It is funded by the Health Research Council of New Zealand (24/753).

Purpose

- Research says that Māori youth who have a strong cultural identity also have better wellbeing.
- We want to support Māori youth who might not feel like they have a strong cultural identity by talking with young people about the barriers and supports that help them feel confident and strong in their identity.

Study design

- We will run an online survey aiming to recruit 300 participants.
- The survey focuses on identity connection and wellbeing, as well as what we can do better to support Māori youth identity.

Who can take part in the research?

- Māori youth aged 16-24 who are interested in sharing their ideas about Māori identity, cultural connection, and identity can take part in the survey.

Taking part in the research

- Your participation is voluntary, so you can withdraw at any time without explanation or consequences before or during the survey.
- Once you submit the survey response, since the survey is anonymous, it may no longer be possible to remove your data.

What kinds of data will be used in the study?

- We will analyse the written and audio responses within the survey.

How will my data be used?

- Your data will be analysed to produce academic articles, policy briefs, community resources, presentations and conferences.
- You can choose to receive a research summary to follow our progress.
- We will also post updates on the website with links to any resources created through the project.

What are the benefits?

- We will provide a \$10 koha for participants.
- You may also learn more about your own identity and how to support it.
- For your insights, we expect to create resources and policy that could support other Māori youth to be strong and confident in their identity.

What are the costs?

- This survey will take approximately 10 minutes.

What are the risks?

- There are no particular personal risks involved in participation.

Will people know that what I shared is about me?

- The survey itself will be anonymous so no one will know your name.
- If you want to receive a koha, we will request an email address, but this will not be connected to your survey responses.
- Findings shared publicly will use pseudonyms and remove any potentially identifiable information, so other people won't be able to tell it is about you.

Where will my information be stored, and how long for?

- Survey responses and a spreadsheet with identifiable details will be kept in a secure location on the Whakauae server, and password-protected for 10 years.
- After this time digital files will be deleted

What about Māori Data Sovereignty?

- Māori Data Sovereignty ensure data is respected as a taonga.
- As an iwi research centre, Whakauae aligns with the principles of Māori Data Sovereignty: this means we hold fast to tikanga to look after your data securely, and that we make sure we tell empowering stories with it.

What about cultural safety?

- This research has been designed in consultation with a Māori advisory group to ensure cultural protocols are respected.
- The survey has been developed alongside Māori youth through five wānanga, and has also been piloted.
- We have support from a cultural advisor if required. If you would also like additional cultural support after the programme, we are happy to provide a specific set of options if you contact the team.

Who has approved the study?

- This study has been approved by an independent group of people called a Health and Disability Ethics Committee (HDEC), who check that studies meet established ethical standards. The X HDEC has approved this study.

Who can I contact about the study?

- If you want more information, or have concerns, please contact:
 - Dr Logan Hamley, Senior Researcher
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- You can also contact the health and disability ethics committee (HDEC) that approved this study on:
 - Email: hdec@health.govt.nz
 - Phone: 0800 400 569 (Ministry of Health general enquiries)