



Invitation to Participate in Research

Researchers at the University of Melbourne invite you to take part in a project about the lives of people with disabilities. We intend to develop a questionnaire that can be used in a large study of people with and without disabilities. In the larger study we will collect information regularly from participants and that information can then be used to improve programs and services for people with disabilities.

We want to make sure that the questionnaire includes questions about the issues that are important to the lives of people with different types of impairments. If you are over 18 years of age and you have a vision, hearing, mobility or cognitive impairment, or you have been diagnosed with a mental health condition; we would like to invite you to share your opinions about the questions you want to see included in the questionnaire. We also invite stakeholders (parents, families, etc.) to represent those whose communication skills limit them from effectively conveying issues that are important in their lives.

Participation will involve taking part in a focus group of 6 to 8 people. The focus group will last between 45 minutes to 1.5 hours. You will be provided with a \$50 Coles-Myer gift voucher in appreciation of your participation.

The focus groups will take place in early February.

If you would like to register your interest in participating in a focus group or if you have any questions, please phone or email the project coordinator, Danielle Newton at The University of Melbourne.

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Thank you for your interest in this research study.