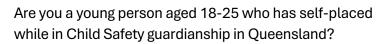
## Youth Advisory Group - Research about Self-Placing

## Expression of Interest



Are you keen to tell us how we can help young people in out-of-home care who self-place?

If you answered yes, we want to hear from you!

Psst... Self-placing is a term
commonly used to describe when
young people leave their approved
placement (e.g., a foster, kinship, or
places that aren't approved by the
partners, couch surfing or staying
on the streets).

We are looking for Expressions of Interest from young people aged 18-25 who have lived experiences of self-placing to join a **Youth Advisory Group**. This group will provide guidance and advice to a team of researchers for a three-year project focused on enhancing the safety and well-being of young people in out-of-home care who self-place. As a member of this group, you will have the opportunity to share your ideas and opinions on what is important for supporting young people who are self-placing, and shape how this research is done.

## **About this Opportunity**

Who can take part?

- Young people aged 18-25 who have been in the guardianship of Child Safety in Queensland and have experience of self-placing.
- We will select up to ten young people to join the Youth Advisory Group.
- To make sure lots of different voices and experiences are reflected, we are looking for a diverse group of people.

Who are we?

• We are a group of researchers and practitioners who are doing research with young people who self-place. Our team works across these six organisations:













## What will I need to do?

- Be able to attend and prepare for up to 6 meetings a year, either face to face or online. (Note: it's okay if you can't come to all of them). The meetings will take about 2 hours and will consist of us asking you questions and listening to your advice.
- **Be an active member of the group** by sharing opinions and ideas about what young people in out-of-home care need, and advocate on behalf of others who may be self-placing.
- **Be willing to provide advice** based on your experiences and concerns about what it's like for young people self-placing.

What are the benefits of taking part?

- You will be paid for at least 3 hours per meeting, which includes time spent preparing for the meeting, attending the meeting, and debriefing after the meeting.
- You will receive a certificate of participation to acknowledge your involvement, and we may be able to provide you with a reference for work and study.
- You will have the opportunity to contribute to real change and help other young people who self-place.

How can I get involved?

• Get involved by submitting an Expression of Interest using one of the links below:

Click Here for the online form Click Here for an Easy Read form