

Youth Advisory Group – Research about Self-Placing

Expression of Interest

Are you a young person aged 18-25 who has self-placed while in Child Safety guardianship in Queensland?

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 residential placement) to stay in other places that aren't approved by the Department (e.g., with family, friends, 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:

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