



Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Consumer Advisory Group

Expression of interest

The Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Research Group from the University of Newcastle and Hunter Medical Research Institute are seeking expressions of interest for young people to join the Consumer Advisory Group (the Advisory Group). This role is unpaid and voluntary, but you will have the opportunity to contribute to sexual education reform in Australia.

Vision

The Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Research Group are researching ways to improve the knowledge young people have about their reproductive health. By having a fundamental understanding of their bodies, sexuality, and sexual wellbeing in young people, it becomes possible to dismantle the taboo around sex and the reproductive system, which creates a culture of respect in relationships, in knowing when and how to seek medical help for reproductive issues and empowers young people to active in making improvements to society which further enshrine reproductive rights. The vision of the research group is to lower the harmful consequences of sexual transmitted infections, reduce preventable infertility, nurture respectful relationships and sexual conduct online, and to improve access to contraception, childcare, and family-friendly social policy.

Role

The purpose of the Advisory Group is to provide a community perspective on current and future activities of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Research Group or project, and work in partnership with researchers and other stakeholders to:

- Meet up to four times per year (online)
- shape the research;
- be involved in discussions about research progress; and
- be a conduit for informing the community about research findings and outcomes.

Membership

Chairperson

The chairperson will be Dr Emmalee Ford and will be appointed for a term of 18 months.

Advisory Group members


The membership will comprise of six representatives from the Australian youth community.

Desirable experience, knowledge, and skills

Members of the Advisory Group will have:

- Be aged between 18 and 22
- Completed some or all of their secondary schooling in Australia
- Comfortable discussing sexual and reproductive health issues (including but not limited to: consent, infertility, sexually transmitted infections, depictions of anatomy, gender identities)

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- Desire and willingness to engage with a team to improve sexual education for peers
 - Respectful of everyone's right to self-expression while considering harm reduction for minority groups

Term

Members are appointed for 1 year (comprising of a maximum of four, 90-minute meetings), with the ability to extend for an additional year if invited.

Please note

If you are accepted onto the Advisory Group, we would like to advise that member names, official positions outside the Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Research Group or project, relevant expertise and biographical details may be included on Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Research Group or project documentation, including online publications.

How to apply

If you meet the criteria above, please send an email to Dr Jessie Sutherland (jessie.sutherland@newcastle.edu.au) containing the following:

- Your name, age, pronouns, and postcode of residence
- A summary about yourself and why you would like to contribute to the Advisory Group (no more than 350 words)
- Your CV or resume (no more than 2 pages)

You will not be judged on the quality of your responses or your experiences. Every experience and the expression of that experience is valued.

However, the research group expects many applicants, and we will use the information you provide us to ensure there is fair representation of young people across Australia in our appointment of the Advisory Group.

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