Australian National University

# Participant Information Sheet - Focus groups

This sheet has information about **research** called the Listenability Project

You can ask someone you trust to help you understand this sheet.

## What is the research about?

Our **research** is about whether young people with disability and young carers feel listened to by the people in their lives.

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The research is being done by a team of researchers at the Australian National University, led by Dr Laura Davy.

This is Laura.

## What does taking part in the research involve?

You can **take part** by participating in a **focus group**.
A **focus group** is a small group of people who come together to talk about a specific topic.

The focus groups will be held in-person in each capital city around Australia.

If you live outside the city, but want to take part in the research, you can choose to do an interview instead.

In the focus group, Laura will ask you some questions about:

- what you like to do
- who you talk to
- how you describe good listening.

You can choose which questions to answer.
You don’t have to talk if you don’t want to.

We will talk for about 1 hour.

We will record what you say.

We will not tell anybody who you are or what you said.

But if you tell us something that makes us think you or someone else might be hurt, we may need to tell someone else to keep you safe.

Other people in the focus group might know who you are.

You can bring someone you trust to the focus group, to help you.

You will get a $50 Gift Card to say thank you.

## What will happen to my information?

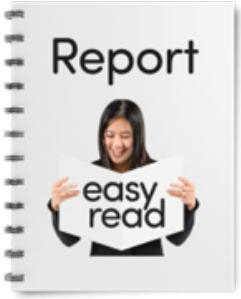
We will store your information in a private computer folder for five years after the research is published.

We will keep your information private. We will not tell anybody your name or where you live.

The computers have a password.

Only we will know the password.

Australian privacy rules mean ANU must tell you how it handles your information if you ask us about it. You can also see what information we have about you and fix it if it is wrong.




We will write about what we find out.
If you want to, we will send you a summary.
Laura can speak to you to help you understand the summary.

## Do I have to take part?

You only have to talk to us if you want to. You can say no. It's your choice.

Saying yes or no will not change your relationship with your service provider or with the university. Nothing bad will happen if you choose not to take part.

Even if you say yes, you can change your mind later and stop taking part.

## Who can I talk to about the research?

If you have any questions about the research, you can contact Laura.

Name: Dr. Laura Davy

Phone: 02 6125 2558

Email: laura.davy@anu.edu.au

If you want to complain about the research, you can contact the ANU Human Research Ethics Coordinator.

It is their job to listen to you and find out what happened.

Phone: (02) 6125 3427
Email: Human.Ethics.Officer@anu.edu.au
Tell them this number: H/2025/0240

If you feel upset after taking part, you can talk to someone who supports you.

You can also call:

Beyond Blue at 1300 224 636

Lifeline Australia at 13 11 14

Or the Kids Helpline at 1800 011 51.

# CONSENT FORM

## Listenability Project: Interviews

**I want to do the interview.**

I am signing this form because I understand about the research, and I want to take part.

I understand that I can choose what happens to any pictures or drawings I make during the interview.

My name: _____

My signature: _____

Date: _____

I want to find out what the research says. Please email or mail me a copy of the findings (this is optional).

YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please write your address or email address:

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**Please send this form to:**

Name: Laura Davy
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