## Phase 2 Participant Information Sheet for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ Youth (please retain a copy)

Inclusive Practice Training for ACCOs working with LGBTQA+ Youth and their Families

A copy of this Information Sheet can also be found on <https://www.telethonkids.org.au/our-research/brain-and-behaviour/mental-health-and-youth/youth-mental-health/>. You can get to this webpage by typing “Telethon Kids Institute Youth Mental Health Team” in your search engine.

**What is this project about?**

This project aims to strengthen the capacity of staff working in Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO) to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth (14-25 years) who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, asexual (LGBTQA+). There are currently no guidelines, and minimal resources and training in best-practice available for health professionals working with Indigenous LGBTQA+ youth.

In this phase of the project, we will co-design an inclusive training package for ACCOs.

This project runs from 2021-2024.

**Our aims:**

* Co-design an inclusive training package for ACCOs (i.e., determine what ACCO staff and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ young people want incorporated in inclusive training, what training delivery styles they prefer, etc.)
* Combine output from the workshops into an *Inclusive training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ youth and their families* package
* Develop locally-specific versions of the inclusive training package

**Who can take part:**

You can take part in this study if you are:

* Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
* LGBTQA+
* 14-25 years old
* Able to give informed consent to participate in research

**Why me?**

You are being invited to participate in this study because you are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ young person, and as such can provide necessary insight into what training ACCOs need to better provide inclusive care for you.

If you are 16 years or under a researcher will have talked with you to check you understand this research and can give informed consent. If you have been given this form then the researcher has assessed that you are able to give informed consent to participate in this study.

**What will I be asked to do?**

You will be asked to participate in a 2-day workshop **(4 hours each day, 8 hours total)** to co-design an inclusive training package.

The co-design workshop will be facilitated by an Aboriginal researcher. The workshop will take place in-person. The workshop will be recorded and transcribed, but the recording and transcription won’t be shared with anyone except the research team.

In the workshop, you will be asked to work together with the other participants to develop the core components of an inclusive training package for ACCOs working with Indigenous LGBTQA+ youth and their families.

**How will taking part in this project help me and my community?**

By taking part in this project, you will increase the capacity of ACCOs to provide appropriate and inclusive care for Aboriginal LGBTQA+ youth and their families.

This is also a great opportunity to have your voice heard by health services and meet other Indigenous LGBTQA+ young people.

**Will I be paid for taking part in this research?**

Participants will be reimbursed on a sliding scale based on age and potential for lost earnings. You will also have a choice on how you would like to be reimbursed, either through a gift card or a cash payment. **Participants aged 18-25 years will be reimbursed $50 per hour** for taking part in the co-design workshop ($400 cash payment total OR receive a $400 Coles/Myer gift card). **Participants aged 14-17 years will be reimbursed $35 per hour** for taking part in the co-design workshop ($280 total cash payment OR a $280 Coles/Myer gift card). A member of the research team will ask whether you prefer a cash payment or gift card.

**What happens if I don’t want to take part?**

You don’t have to! Participation in this study is entirely voluntary and written consent is required before you take part in the study. There are no expectations by the research team that you will participate. If you feel pressured to take part in this study, please contact our research team.

**Who is involved in the project?**

This project is paid for by the Department of Health. It is run by researchers at the Telethon Kids Institute, Murdoch University and Edith Cowan University. The team includes researchers who are Aboriginal, LGBTQA+, and Aboriginal *and* LGBTQA+. The Chief Investigator for this project is Dr Bep Uink. Please contact the Chief Investigator for the names of other researchers.

We are working with a range of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations across Australia.

**What will happen to my information?**

The workshop will be developed into an inclusive training package. This will be publicly available for ACCOs to use. This will be given back to all participating organisations and passed on to other ACCOs who receive the training.

What you say in the workshop will be recorded and transcribed. The transcription will be de-identified (i.e., your name and any other identifying information will be removed) and stored in a secure drive that only members of the research team have access to.

As the research will include participants under the age of 18, the data will be stored for a minimum of 7 years after the last publication date, or until all participants are aged 25, whichever is later.

We will ask you to review the inclusive training packagebefore it is published. If there’s anything you said during the workshop that you don’t want included in the inclusive training package, please let the research team know and it will be removed. If you would like anything you’ve said removed, please let the team know prior to Jan 2024.

The Intellectual Property for the inclusive training package will be shared between the research team, ACCOs and youth that took part in developing the package. Any publications that arise from this research will be the shared Intellectual Property of the research team and any community member that co-authors the publication. Community members will be asked if they want to co-author publications arising from the project, however, this will mean their identity is made public. Therefore, co-authors cannot change their mind about authorship after papers and reports have been published.

**Will anyone else know what I’ve said?**

What you say during the workshop is confidential. Only the other young people in the workshop and the facilitator will know what you’ve said. That said, while we can encourage that people will keep your identity and contribution confidential, we cannot guarantee it. Your name will not be included in the transcripts or any published results, and nothing you’ve said will be linked back to you.

The training package will be aggregated nationally but any locally specific information you give will be included in the local version of the inclusive training package.

Please DO NOT share what other participants have said with people who did not take part in the workshop. Your information *and other participants’ information* is strictly confidential.

**What are the possible risks?**

We will ask questions about inclusivity, your experiences with health services, and what you think healthcare providers needs to know. These questions may make you feel upset or comfortable. You may disagree with other members of your workshop and become heated. The research team will mediate any conflict and end the workshop if it is unable to progress because of disagreement between participants, however this is very unlikely to happen.

The research team will provide you with a wellness plan, including a list of places you can go for support, before the workshop begins.

While we ask that participants do not share anything said in the workshop with other people, the research team cannot guarantee that other participants will not share what you have said.

**Cultural information**

You are not expected to tell us about any cultural information or practices that should not be shared. Please let a member of the research team know if you are unsure whether there are cultural restrictions around any information you share.

**Complaints**

If you would like to complain about the project, you can speak to:

* Contact details for ethics committee(s)
  + Australian Institue of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) ethics committee:
    - Phone: (02) 6246 1111
    - Online enquiry form:   
      <https://aiatsis.gov.au/form/contact-us>
    - When contacting AIATSIS, reference approval number EO232-20210114 when enquiring or making a complaint regarding this project.
  + Western Australian Aboriginal Health Ethics Committee (WAAHEC)
    - Ph: 08) 9227 1631
    - Online enquiry form:   
      <https://www.ahcwa.org.au/contact-us/>
    - When contacting WAAHEC, reference approval number HREC1213 when enquiring or making a complaint regarding this project
* Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
  + Online enquiry form: <https://forms.business.gov.au/smartforms/servlet/SmartForm.html?formCode=APC_ENQ>
  + Phone: [1300 363 992](tel:1300363992) (call-back service)
  + All contact details and complaint information available at: https://www.oaic.gov.au/about-us/contact-us/

**Ethics Approval**

The ethics of this research project have been approved by AIATSIS: EO232-20210114 and WAAHEC: HREC1213

If you have questions or worries about the study, please contact Bep Uink at [Bep.Uink@telethonkids.org.au](mailto:Bep.Uink@telethonkids.org.au) or 08 9360 1783.