

## Young People at a Crossroads

### Information Sheet for Teachers and Educational Professionals in Australia

You are being invited to take part in the research project 'Young People at a Crossroads'. The research is being led by Catherine Walker at University of Manchester and involves researchers at three universities in the UK and Australia (the Universities of Manchester, Melbourne and Wollongong).

The project will explore how young people (aged 14-18) whose parents migrated to the UK or Australia think about climate change, if and how they talk to parents about climate change, and how these conversations fit with learning about climate change at school. The project also aims to work with teachers to make climate change education in multi-ethnic cities like Manchester and Melbourne better informed by cross-cultural perspectives, such as those shared by young people and parents in the project.

Please take time to read the following information carefully before deciding whether to take part and discuss it with others if you wish. Please ask Catherine if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

### About the research

#### ➤ Who is doing the research?

The research is being led by Dr Catherine Walker, a researcher in the Department of Politics, University of Manchester, and is supported by researchers at the Universities of Manchester, Melbourne and Wollongong.

#### ➤ What is the purpose of the research?

The project aims to find out how young people and parents talk about and are adapting to climate change so that people making policies and decisions about climate change can learn from different families' perspectives, and particularly from families who might have experience of responding to climate change in different times and places and so have valuable knowledge to share. The project also aims to work with **teachers and other educational professionals** so that teaching about climate change can be better informed by the diverse perspectives and experiences of people from a range of countries, including people who have migrated from one country to another.

#### ➤ Will the research findings be published?

Yes, the research findings will be published in academic and teaching journals and presented at conferences for academics and teachers. Findings may also be written about in online blogs, teaching materials or in newspapers. Participants will also contribute to a project book, which will be available on the project website and will be shared with all participant families and teachers who are part of the project. The project book may also be published as a teaching resource and stored in a community library.

#### ➤ Who has reviewed and who is funding the research project?

The project has been reviewed and approved by The University of Manchester Research Ethics Committee 5 and the University of Melbourne Human Research Ethics Committee. The project is funded by the UK Government's Economic and Social Research Council (grant ES/T015594/1).

## **Your involvement in the project**

### **➤ What would I be asked to do if I took part?**

If you agree to take part in the research, you will be interviewed by Catherine over Zoom about your experience of delivering climate change education (CCE) and your views on the global perspectives informing CCE, how CCE can respond to youth-led climate activism, and priorities for developing and diversifying CCE.

The interview will last **for 45 minutes** and be conducted at a time convenient to you. You will not be required to talk about any personal topics, but you should make sure that you are in a place where you can speak comfortably. The interview will be recorded with your permission.

If you agree to be contacted again, in early 2022 you will be invited to take part in an 'educational stakeholder' meeting where findings from the research with young people will be presented and discussed with educators with a view to identify follow-on actions to develop and diversify climate change education.

### **➤ Will I be compensated for taking part?**

There is no financial compensation for taking part in the activities outlined above, however, we would be happy to provide a report of your participation to support your professional development portfolio. If you have capacity to work with the researchers to develop educational resources from project findings after the 'educational stakeholder' meeting in 2022, you may be employed as an hourly paid consultant on the project.

## **Data Protection and Confidentiality**

### **➤ What information will you collect about me and how will this be used?**

If you do take part in the research, you will be sharing some personal information for the project, specifically:

- Your name
- Your ethnicity

In addition, Catherine will ask for the following information in order to keep in contact with you:

- Your email address (please let Catherine know if you prefer to use an email address that does not identify your place of work)

Catherine will also ask for your consent to take audio and video recordings of your interview. These are considered as personal information as they contain your voice and image.

### **➤ Under what legal basis are you collecting this information?**

We are collecting and storing this personal information in accordance with UK data protection law and Victoria State data protection law which protect your rights. These state that we must have a legal basis (specific reason) for collecting your data. For this study, the specific reason is that it is "a public interest task" and "a process necessary for research purposes". If you would like to know more about your rights or find out the legal reason we collect and use your information, please read through the University of Manchester's [Privacy Notice for Research](#).

### **➤ What will happen to my personal information?**

The University of Manchester is the 'Data Controller' for the project, which means that under UK Data Protection Law, they are responsible for keeping your information safe, and they will do so in partnership with the University of Melbourne, who will securely transfer data collected in Melbourne to University of Manchester. Once in the UK, data collected in Australia will be subject to UK data protection laws.

The researchers on the project have received training to keep your information safe and will do so as follows:

- Catherine will ask for your consent to take a video recording and an audio recording of your interview.
- The video recording (created in Zoom) will be used only to create a transcript (written record) of what was said, then the video recording will be deleted.
- The audio recording and transcript will be kept on the University of Manchester secure storage space for five years from the end of the project in February 2023, and then it will be destroyed.
- There will also be a copy of your recording and transcript on the University of Melbourne secure file storage until the end of the project in February 2023.
- At the end of your interview, Catherine will ask you how you wish to be identified in any report or publication from the research project and will discuss the implications of this with you (for example, using a pseudonym, an anonymous professional description, or your first name only).
- Only Catherine and a Research Assistant working on the project in Melbourne will have access to the original recording containing the things you have said. The two researchers will send your information using a secure (cloud-based) file-sharing service with a password.
- Catherine will create versions of your interview transcripts that have your name and any other personal details removed to share with other researchers who are advising on the research project. The advisors will access this information through a secure (cloud-based) service with a password.
- If you agree to be contacted for future research studies on your consent form, your contact details will be stored securely on University of Manchester file storage for five years from when the project ends. You can take part in the research without agreeing to this.
- If you agree on your consent form for the things you shared in the project to be sent to the UK Data Archive, your name and any other identifying details will first be removed before the data are sent to the UK Data Archive. You can take part in the research without agreeing to this.

### ➤ Covid-19 and data protection

Owing to current restrictions to face to face meetings, activities for this research project will take place using Zoom, and your personal data will be processed by Zoom, which is based in the USA. University of Manchester will ensure that data transfers between countries are compliant with UK Data Protection Law. The recordings will be removed from Zoom and stored on University of Manchester managed file storage at the first opportunity.

### **What if I have a complaint?**

We hope you will enjoy taking part in the research if you do agree to take part, and we will do all we can to make you feel comfortable. However, if you wish to make a complaint, please contact the lead researcher for the project, Catherine Walker, using the contact details below.

This project has human research ethics approval from The University of Melbourne (reference 2021-21640-17977-3). If you have any concerns or complaints about the conduct of this research project, which you do not wish to discuss with the research team, you should contact:

**The Research Integrity Administrator, Office of Research Ethics and Integrity, University of Melbourne, VIC 3010. Tel: +61 8344 1376 or Email: [research-integrity@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:research-integrity@unimelb.edu.au).**

All complaints will be treated confidentially. In any correspondence please provide the name of the research team and/or the name or ethics ID number of the research project.

Even though you are participating in Australia, the University of Manchester as the lead research institution is the 'Data Controller' for the project, which means that under UK Data Protection Law, they are responsible for keeping your information safe during and after the project. Therefore, if you have a query specifically about your data protection rights either during or after the project, please email [dataprotection@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:dataprotection@manchester.ac.uk) or write to **The Information Governance Office, Christie Building, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, M13 9PL, United Kingdom** and we will guide you through the process of exercising your rights.

➤ **What happens now?**

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part in this project. If you decide not to take part, you do not need to do anything further. If you decide to take part, please let Catherine know. It would be helpful to the researchers if you could reply within **one week** of receiving this information sheet.

You are free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason. This does not affect your data protection rights.

## **Contact Details**

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**Please keep a copy of this information sheet for your reference.**