

WHAKANIKOTANGA TE MAURI O HAURAKI

A MAURI ORA REVOLUTION

invitation to participate in a research project

Te Whāriki Manawāhine o Hauraki provides support services for people who have experienced violence. We work with women, men, children and whānau as well as small groups, schools and organisations, both victims and offenders, throughout Hauraki. Our services aim to prevent violence, to stop it before it starts, we want Hauraki to be violence-free. Over the last few years, Te Whāriki has been moving towards a community mobilisation model of violence prevention because, we believe, it will greatly improve the type of service we can provide. This model tells us to use resources that people, who actually live in our own community, have developed. We are doing this now, and would like your help, to create a toolkit of violence prevention resources for the people of Hauraki.

Why are we doing this project?

Community mobilisation targets the negative attitudes, social norms and beliefs that can lead to inter-personal violence. The toolkit, that we are creating, will contain resources that aim to **disempower the enablers of violence** and **normalise thinking that upholds our basic human rights of equality, safety and dignity**. Our toolkit will contain templates and surveys that inform the development of resources and gather information about our experience of violence, including how common this is, within our own neighbourhood or community. This project will gather information about the experience of violence and develop resources for a violence prevention toolkit.

What do I have to do?

We invite you to help us create resources for our community mobilization toolkit. This may involve completing a survey, attending an event or participating in a discussion group. The surveys may be digital or paper based and will generally take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Discussion groups will take an hour or so of your time and an event may last several hours. We will explain what is involved on the day and may ask for some basic demographics, such as your age, gender and ethnic group, but **WE WILL NOT ASK FOR YOUR NAME OR CONTACT DETAILS**. Your participation in this project will be completely anonymous, no one will know you were involved, and the information you provide will be confidential.

Te Whāriki Manawāhine is an experienced provider of violence prevention services. Our staff are highly trained and will ensure you are **safe at all times**, we will:

- ☐ **never push you** to talk about your personal situation or provide specific details
- ☐ always ensure discussions are held in a **private and safe environment**
- ☐ **never take notes** or record information without your permission
- ☐ explain the **statutory limitations on client confidentiality**
- ☐ **support your decision** to withdraw from these discussions at any time
- ☐ **not record** the names or contact details of the people who take part in this project

As a participant in this project, you can access our counselling, refuge and/or support services, at any time, if you would like to talk about your personal situation in more detail.

Informed Consent

We will ask whether you are willing and able to participate in this research. If you say yes, and you complete the survey questions or attend the event/discussions, **we will take this as consent** to participate. You will not be paid for participating in this project but you may receive a koha to help with your costs.

What if I say no?

Participation in our research project is **completely voluntary**. Just say no if you don't want to do it. We will respect your decision and not ask again. Refusal to participate in this project will not impact on your right to access our services or programmes. It will not affect the quality of service we provide and **you will not be criticized or disadvantaged** in any way.

What happens next?

The information that we collect will be analyzed in papers and reports that explore the value of a community mobilization model of violence prevention for Hauraki. Hardcopies of our publications will be available, from our office, for you to borrow and read at your leisure. You will also be able to access this information through our website or you can ask our receptionist to send you a hardcopy by mail. The findings will be discussed at community events such as our Waitangi Day commemorations, Matariki celebrations and local research symposiums which you are welcome to attend. We may also present our findings at national and international forums, conferences or hui. If you would like information about our presentations and publications please do not hesitate to ask.

For more information, please contact ...

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This project has been reviewed and approved by the Central Health & Disability Regional Ethics Committee, approval number **13/CEN/140**. If you feel your confidentiality has been breached, or have concerns about our research methods and objectives, please submit a verbal or written complaint to:

- (a) The Manager, Te Whāriki Manawāhine o Hauraki, 204 Kirkwood Street, Thames - phone (07) 8688- 475, or
- (b) an independent Health and Disability Advocate, for more information go to <http://advocacy.hdc.org.nz>, 0800 555 050 or (07) 834 3960 for an advocate in the Hamilton region.