

WANTED: Young Australian women aged 18-23

Do you fit this description? If yes, we would love you to participate in our study.

WHY?

As part of a PhD in Sociology at the University of Newcastle, NSW, I am currently conducting research into the attitudes and expectations of young Australian women. The study is investigating what young women think about work, relationships, children and feminism. I want to find out about the decisions young women make and expect to make with regard to career, motherhood and how they believe they will combine work and family responsibilities. This project will also be examining how popular culture shapes women's perceptions, values and expectations.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

If you agree to participate in the study you will be asked to take part in ONE of the following:

- A focus group discussion with 4-8 young women, which will last about one hour and a half.
- A telephone interview, which will last approximately one hour.
- An interview carried out via email, to be completed in your own time.

As a research participant, you would be asked to talk about a range of issues. For example, you may be asked to discuss what sort of job or career you have planned, if/when you plan to have children, your perceptions of feminism, how you think your life differs from previous generations, what kinds of TV shows, films, books and music you enjoy.

If you decide to participate, you may withdraw from the study at any time without explanation.

WHO TO CONTACT?

If you are interested in being involved in the study or would like further information, please contact Penelope Robinson on 0402 956 420 (call or text message) or email Penelope.Robinson@studentmail.newcastle.edu.au

This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H-026-0405. Should you have any concerns about your rights as a participant in this research, or if you have a complaint about the manner in which the research has been conducted, it may be given to the researcher's supervisor Associate Professor Deborah Stevenson (Email: Deborah.Stevenson@newcastle.edu.au, Phone: 02 4921 6031). If an independent person is preferred, contact the Human Research Ethics Officer, Research Office, The Chancellery, The University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan, 2308, Phone 02 4921 6333, Email Human-Ethics@newcastle.edu.au

