

# Plain Language Statement



## *Project: Live Literature Research Project*

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### **Introduction**

Thank you for your interest in participating in this research project. The following few pages will provide you with further information about the project, so that you can decide if you would like to take part in this research.

Please take the time to read this information carefully. You may ask questions about anything you don't understand or want to know more about.

Your participation is voluntary. If you don't wish to take part, you don't have to. If you begin participating, you can also stop at any time.

### **What is this research about?**

The aim of this research is to understand the processes that [librarians / teachers / booksellers] use to organise author events. The researchers want to know about the kinds of authors that attend events at your [library / school / bookstore], the barriers you encounter when organising these events, and if there are any resources that would help you in this process. If you do not organise author or illustrator events at your organisation, we also want to know about that too.

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

Participation in this part of the project involves short survey about your professional practices in organising author and illustrator events at your [library / school / bookshop].

### **What are the possible benefits?**

By participating in this research, you will help the researchers and Australia Reads to understand the barriers that [librarians / teachers / booksellers] face when trying to organise author events. With this information, Australia Reads will be able to produce resources to address some of these barriers.

### **What are the possible risks?**

The researchers do not perceive any risks associated with participation in this project.

### **Do I have to take part?**

No. Participation is completely voluntary. You are able to withdraw at any time.

### **Will I hear about the results of this project?**

Yes. We will disseminate a report from this research to all research participants.

### **What will happen to information about me?**

The data that you provide to the researchers (including contact information and interview question responses) will be stored in a password-protected file on the University of Melbourne's servers. Only Dr Parnell and Dr Dane will have the password to this file. The data will be retained for five years and will then be deleted.

### **Where can I get further information?**

If you would like more information about the project, please contact the researchers; Dr Claire Parnell ([claire.parnell@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:claire.parnell@unimelb.edu.au)) or Dr Alexandra Dane ([alexandra.dane@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:alexandra.dane@unimelb.edu.au))

### **Who can I contact if I have any concerns about the project?**

This project has human research ethics approval from The University of Melbourne 2023-26507-40297-3. 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 3 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.