Learning about your knowledge, experience and understanding of unplanned pregnancy

**Health Consumers Queensland is offering 3 consumers who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, the opportunity to lead consultation with their local community on their knowledge, experience and understanding of unplanned pregnancy.**

Closing date: 4pm, 16th December 2020

About the project

Health Consumers Queensland has been contracted by Children by Choice to facilitate three community discussions across December and January to hear about your knowledge, experience, and understanding of unexpected or unplanned pregnancy.

Children by Choice is a non-profit organisation funded by the Queensland Department of Child Safety Youth and Women to provide information, counselling, and referrals to anyone experiencing an unplanned pregnancy in Queensland. They provide non-judgmental, all options decision-making counselling discussing parenting, alternative care arrangements, adoption, and abortion, as well as information and referrals for Queenslanders through their free state-wide phone line, via videoconference, and in person at their Brisbane office.

Children by Choice acknowledge and honour the traditional owners of country throughout Queensland and their continued connection to land and community.

**Children by Choice is commencing their *Reflect* Reconciliation Action Plan in 2020.**

**This series of Kitchen Table Discussions will allow Children by Choice to centre the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in Queensland, and their knowledge, experience, and choices around unplanned pregnancy and abortion.**

**Children by Choice are committed to listening, learning, and improving the ways they support the needs of First Nations people who contact their service.**

About Kitchen Table Discussions

Kitchen Table Discussions are consultation sessions led by local people for local people. They allow small groups to participate in discussions at a time of day, and in a place, that suits them. The discussions enable health consumers, carers and community members who do not ordinarily participate in healthcare consultation to have their say in a safe and supportive environment.

Each session will be led by a **First Nations host** with a strong community network. The host will invite up to six community members to yarn in a location of their choosing. If hosting a yarning circle online via Zoom or Skype, the host will invite five community members to participate.

The Host guides the discussion with a set of questions provided to them. After the yarning circle, the host provides their participants feedback to Health Consumers Queensland.

Role of the Discussion Host

As the host your role will be to plan, coordinate and host a once-only 90-minute discussion with community members. This includes:

* Inviting community members who would be interested in being part of the discussion on this important subject. They will be your local community connections (ideally, people who do not normally have their voice heard in healthcare).
* Choosing a time, date and venue between **17th December 2020 and 21st January 2021,** that works for your participants.
* Host the session.
* Complete and provide the discussion feedback to Health Consumers Queensland **by 27th January 2021.**

To support you with this, you will receive:

* **Training via a Zoom video conference call. Zoom is free to download.**
* A comprehensive Host Guide and toolkit with all printed documentation.
* Questions to ask participants during the discussion.
* Support from Health Consumers Queensland to ensure you have a successful session.

Who are we looking for as Consumer or Carer Hosts?

We would like our hosts to have experience or an interest in unexpected and/or unplanned pregnancy, and who have strong community connections.

Remuneration and Support

**Hosts –** you will be remunerated at Health Consumers Queensland’s day meeting rate of $374 for hosting an in-person session at a venue and $187 if hosting an online session. You will also be reimbursed up to $70 to cover catering and venue costs for your in-person session (on return of receipts).

**Participants –** Health Consumers Queensland will provide a **$60 gift voucher** for each participant for their time.

How to apply

**Please complete this application form and return it to*****projects@hcq.org.au*****by 4.00pm on16th December 2020**. For assistance completing this application please contact Health Consumers Queensland via projects@hcq.org.au or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

If you would like to find out more about this opportunityplease email Anne Curtis, Engagement Consultant – Specific Projects, Health Consumers Queensland at anne.curtis@hcq.org.au. Anne can then contact you directly.

**Consumer Application Form**

**Kitchen Table Host for Children by Choice project**

Full name:

Preferred phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

* By completing this application, I consent for my details to be added to the Health Consumers Queensland network database YES | NO
* I would like to receive email updates from Health Consumers Queensland YES | NO
* Would you like us to retain this application for future vacancies? *(Applications not retained are destroyed once the application process is complete.)* YES | NO

Please highlight any group you identify with:

* Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people
* Young people and older people
* Living with a disability/chronic condition
* Caring for someone with a life limiting condition
* Rural and remote
* Culturally or linguistically diverse
* From a non-English speaking background

Do you identify as: Aboriginal | Torres Strait Islander | Both | Prefer not to state?

Are you a: Consumer | Carer?

Age range: 16-24 25-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

* **In 250 words or less, please describe your community connections and networks that you can draw on to host a successful and inclusive yarning circle on this very sensitive subject.**
* **In 250 words or less, please describe:**
	1. **Why you would like to host a yarning circle with your community on their experience, knowledge and understanding of unplanned pregnancy?**