



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION for QUT RESEARCH PROJECT

Organisational connectedness and psychological wellness

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Description

This project is investigating a sense of connectedness in workplace, home and social environments such as clubs, and feelings of well-being.

It is part of the PhD for the Principal Researcher at Queensland University of Technology.

This survey asks about your feelings at work, at home, and in general. It should take about 20 minutes. Most questions are answered by just selecting a response with the mouse. There will be no way to identify you.

Voluntary Participation

Participation is voluntary. If you choose to participate, you can stop at any time during the survey. Your decision to participate will in no way impact upon your relationship with QUT. There will be no way for us to know who you are or where you are located.

Expected benefits

Studies have shown that when people feel respected and supported ("connectedness"), they have greater psychological health and well-being and achieve more. This study is investigating what parts of this connectedness are most important for reducing things like stress, anxiety and depression. This could suggest practical things that can be done to safeguard or improve people's well-being and reduce the incidence of depression.

Risks

The risk of participation in this research is minimal. Please note, however, that some questions are about feelings of stress, anxiety and depression. You may choose to not answer questions if you want. Should you have any negative reactions or experience distress as a result of filling in this questionnaire, please do not hesitate to call the QUT Psychology and Counselling Clinic on 07 3138 0999 (this is a limited free service to all participants), Lifeline Counselling on 13 11 14 (this is a free service for all persons). QUT staff also have access to an Employee Assistance Program provided by Assure Programs (1800 808 374, www.assureprograms.com.au).

Confidentiality

You will be asked for your email address so that we can request that you complete the survey once more in a few weeks. When we download data (which is stored on a secure site) we will immediately separate any email addresses from the data so that anonymity is assured. We will match the initial and follow-up surveys by a unique encrypted code. All email addresses will be deleted on completion of the study.

No other identifying information will be recorded. You can complete the survey at a time and place of your choosing. The survey responses will be collected by a Queensland University of Technology researcher, and not used for any other purpose.

Consent to Participate

Submitting this survey is accepted as an indication of your consent to participate.

Questions / further information about the project

Please contact the Principal Researcher named above if you have any questions or comments, or require further information about the project or issues of confidentiality.

Concerns / complaints regarding the conduct of the project

QUT is committed to researcher integrity and the ethical conduct of research projects. However, if you do have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the project you may contact the QUT Research Ethics Officer on 3138 2340 or ethicscontact@qut.edu.au. The Researcher Ethics Officer is not connected with the research project and can facilitate a resolution to your concern in an impartial manner.