

Survey Participant Information Sheet

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Project Title

The role of learned hopefulness in community conservation sustainability

An Invitation

Kia ora,

My name is Helen Ough Dealy, a Department of Conservation staff member and PhD student in the School of Science at AUT (Auckland University of Technology). I am studying towards a doctorate in Applied Conservation and am interested to know whether more hopeful people are more likely to be active conservationists.

You are invited to take part in this research as your views may help others become more hopeful in the area of conservation. This may also influence the design and content of environmental education resources. You may also find it interesting to learn something about your own level of hopefulness.

What is the purpose of this research?

The purpose of this research is to find out whether: (1) there is a connection between how hopeful people are and whether they are active in conservation; (2) improving environmental education through teaching learned hopefulness, can increase students' levels of hope; (3) altering environmental education strategies and associated policies may contribute to a pest-free New Zealand by 2050, and (4) enable the principal researcher, Helen Ough Dealy to achieve a post-graduate qualification (PhD) with the potential for future research-oriented employment. The research results may also be written up and published in academic journals and presented at scientific conferences.

Why am I being invited to participate in this research?

You are invited to take part in this research because you are a Forest & Bird member.

How do I agree to participate in this research?

Your participation in this research is voluntary (it is your choice). Completion of the digital survey will be taken as indicating your consent to participate.

What will happen in this research?

You will receive a link to a digital survey to do with the way you see the future and the type of conservation actions you might carry out.

The survey will also ask for basic information about yourself, including: age, gender, school attending currently, frequency and type of volunteer conservation effort in previous week, month, year; ethnicity; te reo (Maori language) ability; intention to get involved in conservation - when? What type?

How will my privacy be protected?

Your privacy will be protected in the following ways:

- Your name will not be attached to any of your data. I will not know who has contributed which information.
- All information in the survey will be gathered together. This means that individual results cannot be connected back to individual participants.
- All data collected will be stored in a safe secure place at AUT Auckland University of Technology, for a minimum of six years, it will then be destroyed.

What are the costs of participating in this research?

Taking part in this research will take between 5 and 10 minutes of your time.

What opportunity do I have to consider this invitation?

You can choose whether you will or will not take part in this research.

Will I receive feedback on the results of this research?

Yes, if you would like to have results from this research, you are welcome to go to this website:
<https://people.aut.ac.nz/~dmg3827/> . I will post a summary of the research at this URL by July 2020.

What do I do if I have concerns about this research?

Any concerns regarding the nature of this project should be notified in the first instance to the Project Supervisor, Professor Mike Petterson, michael.petterson@aut.ac.nz, 0800 288864 ext 9439.

Concerns regarding the conduct of the research should be notified to the Executive Secretary of AUTEK, Kate O'Connor, ethics@aut.ac.nz , 09-921 9999 ext 6038.

Whom do I contact for further information about this research?

Please keep this Information Sheet for your future reference. You are also able to contact the research team as follows:

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