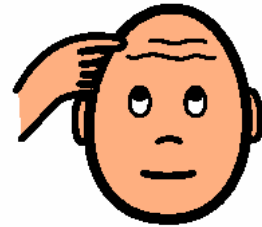




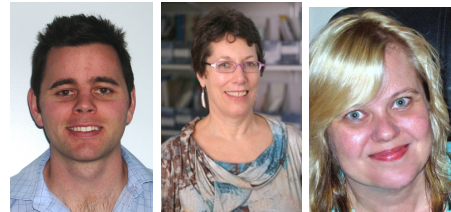
## **Participant Information Sheet**

### **Interviews about Volunteering**

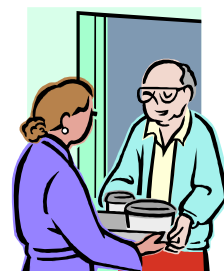
You are invited to take part in a research project.



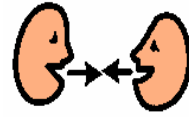
The project is being run by David Trembath, Susan Balandin, & Leanne Togher at the University of Sydney.



The project will explore the experiences of people who work as volunteers who use augmentative and alternative communication.



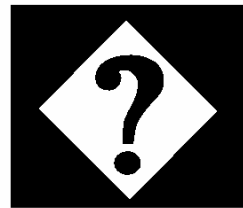
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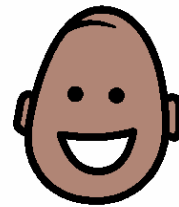
The volunteer work you have done



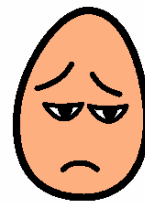
The reasons why you decided to volunteer



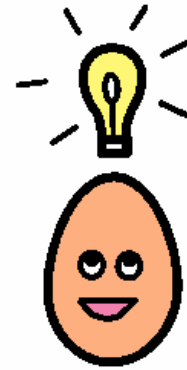
The things that were good about volunteering



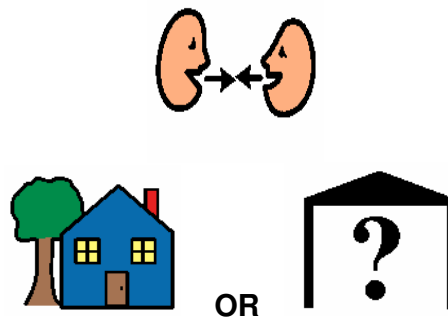
The things that made it hard to volunteer



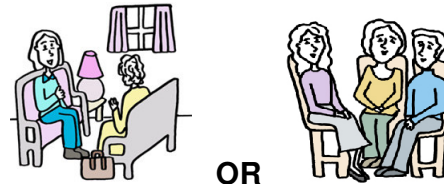
We would like to hear your ideas for making volunteering easier for people who use augmentative and alternative communication.



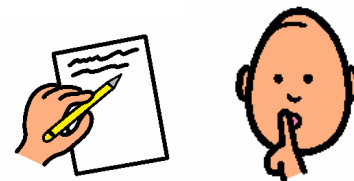
We could talk at your home or any place you would like.



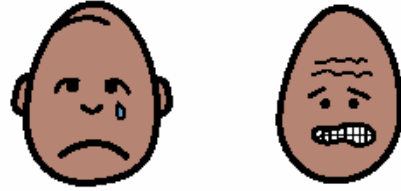
We could talk in **private** or you can ask a **friend**, family member or staff member to be there with you.



Anything we learn about you will be kept strictly confidential.



During the **interview** you may want to talk about experiences that are **sensitive or distressing** to you.



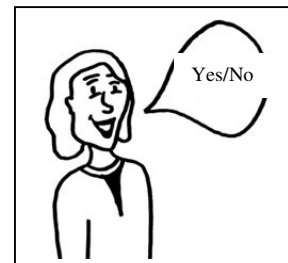
The researchers have experience with **counselling** and talking to people who feel sad.



We can help you contact a professional counsellor if you would like us to.



Participation is **voluntary**.



You don't have to answer any **questions** if you don't want to.



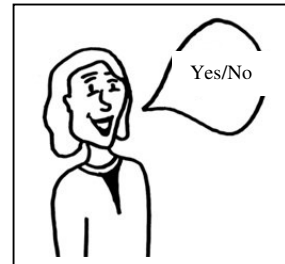
You can **stop** the interview at any time.  
You can also **stop** being in the project at any time. Any services you are now receiving now or in the future from the University will not be affected by whether you participate or not.



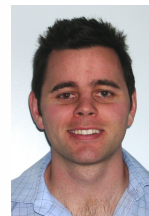
We would also like to visit the place you volunteer to observe the work you do.



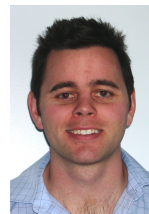
However, you are allowed to say “no” to us observing you while you volunteer.



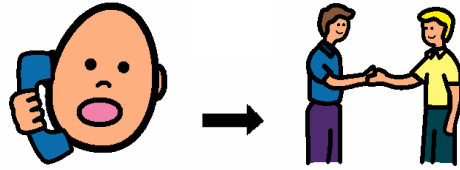
If you are interested in being a part of this project and sharing your experiences please call David Trembath on (02) 9351 9870.



Alternatively, you can send David an email at [D.Trembath@usyd.edu.au](mailto:D.Trembath@usyd.edu.au)



David will **explain** more about the project, answer any **questions** you may have, and arrange a time to come and see you.



If you want to participate, you will be asked to **sign** an agreement to participate form.



**Any person with concerns or complaints about the conduct of a research study can contact the Manager for Ethics Administration, University of Sydney on (02) 9351 4811 or email [G.Briody@usyd.edu.au](mailto:G.Briody@usyd.edu.au)**