**LIVED EXPERIENCE PAID PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITY**

**Building capacity with and for people with lived experience to inform, co-design and co-produce health research**

**Do you have personal experience of mental health, alcohol and other drug challenges and involvement with police, court or prison? OR**

**Have you provided support to someone with these experiences as a family member, , significant other or close friend? AND**

**Would you like to contribute to health research?**

Mental Health Matters 2, a Lived Experience-led charity and the University of Western Australia are co-leading a research project that aims to understand how people with personal or family/significant other lived experience of mental health, alcohol and other drug (AOD) challenges and involvement with police, court or prison could be more meaningfully engaged as partners or leaders of research. . The research team would like to: :

* Understand how academic researchers and research organisations could change or adapt the way they conduct research to be more trauma-informed and strengths-based;
* Identifythe strengths and skills lived experience partners bring to research projects
* Learn about the challenges and obstacles that have prevented, or may prevent, people with lived experience being meaningfully (i.e. not tokenistically) involved as research partners
* Discover what can be done to help prepare people with lived experience to become effective research partners and,
* Clarify what researchers need to know, learn and unlearn about working with people with lived experience.

The research team will be running three lived experience-specific focus groups to hear from individuals, family members and significant others with experiences of mental health and/or AOD challenges and involvement with police, court or prison. Focus groups will be held face-to-face, and online via Zoom A one-hour online meeting will also be held to share emerging themes with participants prior to the study being finalised.

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**Face-to-face group: Tuesday 5th November 2024 12pm – 2pm (Perth CBD)**

**Online groups: Friday 8th November, 10am – 12pm;**

 **Thursday 14th November 10am – 12pm**

**An Information Session will be held on Friday, 4th October 2024, 10am – 11am. Join us online at:**

**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88686298851?pwd=d7MYcsWUpvU1yrn4n2VlgiWf2Q9cIa.1**

**Meeting ID: 886 8629 8851 Passcode: 763705**

**Lived Experience participation payment - $112.50**

 **A participation payment of $112.50 is available for research group participants**. Applications will be selected to maximise diversity. For more information or queries please contact Virginia on 0422 411 696. The Expression of Interest process closes at **5pm** on **Friday 18th October 2024 or if sufficient appropriate participants are identified earlier.**  To participate, please complete the short form overleaf and return it to mentalhealthmatters2@gmail.com.

 Expression of Interest

1. Please enter your contact details

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| First Name |  |
| Family Name/Last Name |  |
| Email  |  |
| Phone number (for best contact) |  |

1. Where do you live?

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| ☐ | WA | ☐ | ACT | ☐ | NT | ☐ | QLD | ☐ | Regional | ☐ | Remote |
| ☐ | NSW | ☐ | VIC  | ☐ | SA  | ☐ | TAS  | ☐ | Rural  |  |  |

1. Please tick any of the following that are relevant:

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| ☐ | Individual with personal experience  | ☐ | Member of the LGBTIQ+ community  |
| ☐ | Family member/Friend/Supporter  | ☐ | Culturally and linguistically diverse background |
| ☐ | Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander | ☐ | Person with a disability  |

**4. Please tell us a little about why this opportunity is relevant and appeals to you.**

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5. Age

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| ☐ | Under 18 | ☐ | 30 - 39 | ☐ | 50 - 59 | ☐ | 70+ |
| ☐ | 18 – 29 | ☐ | 40 - 49 | ☐ | 60 - 69  | ☐ | Do not wish to disclose |

**5. Do you require any special access or support to participate face to face or online? Please specify:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please send your completed EOI to mentalhealthmatters2@gmail.com or contact Virginia on 0422 411 696.