



## ***INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH PROJECT***

***Project Title:*** *Nature and prevention of economic abuse among young adults: views of key experts*

*Project Number:* 19716

### ***Investigators:***

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Associate Professor Mike Reid, School of Economics, Finance and Marketing, RMIT University

*Dear Participant,*

You are invited to participate in a PhD research project being conducted by RMIT University. Please read this sheet carefully and be confident that you understand its contents before deciding whether to participate. If you have any questions about the project, please ask one of the investigators.

### ***Who is involved in this research project? Why is it being conducted?***

The project is being conducted by Ms Jozica Kutin as part of her PhD studies supervised by Professor Roslyn Russell and Associate Professor Mike Reid. We are interested in exploring the views of experts in the fields of domestic violence and finance about the nature and prevention of economic abuse among young adults.

### ***Why have you been approached?***

You have been approached because of your work, research and/or experience in the field of domestic violence or finance.

### ***What is the project about? What are the questions being addressed?***

*The research hopes to answer the following questions:*

This study will canvass the views of key experts from diverse fields to determine possible strategies to prevent economic abuse among young (emerging) adults. The study will also focus on identifying the warning signs, and the characteristics of economic abuse among young adults. Specifically:

1. Does economic abuse exist among young couples and in what form?
2. How does economic abuse develop and how can economic abuse be prevented among young couples?

### ***If I agree to participate, what will I be required to do?***

You will be asked to participate in a face to face interview that should take about 30 to 60 minutes. The interview will be audio recorded. If you do not agree to the audio recording the researcher will make written notes.

### ***What are the possible risks or disadvantages?***

Participating in the interview will cause some inconvenience to you time-wise.

### ***What are the benefits associated with participation?***

There may be no direct benefit to you as an individual from participating in this project however the results will be used to inform potential prevention strategies against economic abuse for young adults.

### ***What will happen to the information I provide?***

The information will be used in a thesis and journal publications. Any information you provide will be anonymous and your identity will be protected at all times. The data will be kept securely at RMIT for a minimum of 5 years. The published reports, where feasible, can be made available to you.

### ***What are my rights as a participant?***

As a participant in this project you have:

- The right to withdraw from participation at any time
- The right to request that any recording cease
- The right to have any unprocessed data withdrawn and destroyed, provided it can be reliably identified, and provided that so doing does not increase the risk for the participant.
- The right to have any questions answered at any time.

### ***Whom should I contact if I have any questions?***

Please contact any of the researchers listed on this project if you have any queries before or after you participate in the interview.

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*Yours sincerely*

Jozica Kutin  
Roslyn Russell  
Mike Reid

*If you have any concerns about your participation in this project, which you do not wish to discuss with the researchers, then you can contact the Ethics Officer, Research Integrity, Governance and Systems, RMIT University, GPO Box 2476V VIC 3001. Tel: (03) 9925 2251 or email [human.ethics@rmit.edu.au](mailto:human.ethics@rmit.edu.au)*



## CONSENT FORM

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1. I have had the project explained to me, and I have read the information sheet
2. I agree to participate in the research project as described
3. I agree to be interviewed
4. I agree / I do not agree that my voice be audio recorded
5. I acknowledge that:
  - (a) I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from the project at any time and to withdraw any unprocessed data previously supplied (unless follow-up is needed for safety).
  - (b) The project is for the purpose of research. It may not be of direct benefit to me.
  - (c) The privacy of the personal information I provide will be safeguarded and only disclosed where I have consented to the disclosure or as required by law.
  - (d) The security of the research data will be protected during and after completion of the study. The data collected during the study may be published in a thesis, journal or conference proceedings.

### **Participant's Consent**

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)