

HOW DO PACIFIC CLINICIANS USE THEIR OWN PURAKAU (CREATION NARRATIVES) TO WORK WITH FAMILY VIOLENCE?

Thank you for your interest in this research project. This information is provided so that you can make an informed decision about participating in this study.

This project is being undertaken by Apolonia Muldrock and has been approved by the Ethics and Research Committee. This thesis research is part of my study towards a Master of Professional Practice.

What is the purpose of the project?

To gather shared experiences of indigenous pacific clinicians who are using purakau in their work with family violence.

Pūrākau range from stories about the creation of the world, people and the natural environment to historical events and particular incidents. Far from being considered as mere tales or 'myths and legends', pūrākau preserved (oral) ancestral knowledge, reflected our worldviews and portrayed the lives of our tupuna (ancestors) in creative, diverse and engaging ways. Telling pūrākau is not limited to traditional stories but includes storying in our contemporary contexts. (Lee, 2005)

What type of participant are we looking for?

Pacific clinicians/social workers/ministers and community workers with between 2-10 years' experience working in the family violence industry.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participation?

Increase understanding of purakau and its contribution to traditional healing modalities in family violence. However, due to the topic of discussions, if you become distressed or experience discomfort during or following discussions, you will be informed of how to access EAP counselling services. You may also have a support person if you wish.

What will participants be asked to do?

You will be asked to consent to participate in a one-hour interview via zoom.

Can participants change their mind and withdraw from the project?

You can withdraw from the project at any time. No reason is needed if you choose to withdraw. There will be no disadvantages to you of any kind, or any consequences.

What information will be collected and what use will be made of it?

All interviews are recorded and stored securely. Data will then be analysed thematically to determine the key findings of my thesis research paper.

Will the information remain confidential and anonymous, and how will this be done?

All information will be kept strictly confidential within the research team (the researcher and her two academic supervisors) and no names will be used. When the results are published you will not be personally identified. Any information provided by you can be viewed at any time.

Is there a cost of taking part?

It will not cost you anything to take part in this study.

What if I want more information?

If you have any questions about this project, at any time, you can contact: Apolonia Muldrock Apolonia.muldrock@whitireianz.ac.nz or 0221323670, or Principal Supervisor Dr Stephanie Kelly on stephanie.kelly@weltec.ac.nz, or Secondary Supervisor, Mira Schutz on Mira.Schutz@whitireia.ac.nz