



# **Research Advertisement for Community Centres & Venues**

# Drug and Alcohol (D&A) health perspectives of Middle Eastern and Burmese young people in the Illawarra

The University of Wollongong and ISLHD would like to invite you to participate in a research project to discuss drug and alcohol health issues in your community. The results will be used to improve culturally appropriate drug and alcohol health services and other support in the Illawarra.

### We would like to talk to you if you are:

- Male or female
- Aged between 18-25 years old
- Currently reside in the Illawarra
- A refugee from Burma or the Middle East that has settled in Australia in the past 15 years
- Can speak basic English

# How to participate?

You can either participate in an individual interview or a group discussion that will take about 1-2 hours of your time. The discussion groups will be held either at Caresouth in Berkeley, and Multicultural Communities Council Illawarra in Wollongong, and Wollongong Youth Centre. Refreshments will be provided and you will be compensated for your time with a gift voucher valued at \$50.

Options for focus group dates & Venue:

22<sup>nd</sup> August – Thursday - Wollongong Youth Centre -3:30-5:00 | 85 Burelli St Wollongong, NSW 2500 4<sup>TH</sup> September –Wednesday – Multicultural Communities Council – 4:30 – 6:30 | 117 Corrimal St Wollongong, NSW 2500

12<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday – Caresouth - 3:30- 5:30 | 2 Matilda Way, Berkeley, NSW 2506

If you are interested in participating, or would like more information about this study, please talk to the venue staff or contact:

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If you would like to discuss or find out more about this study in Arabic or Burmese language, please contact TIS on 131450 who will help connect you to a Health Education officer at the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District.