

Information

Please read the following information before continuing.

You are invited to participate in a research project entitled:

Extraordinary experiences in nature: Stories of special experiences in nature-based activities

This project is being conducted by Dr Eric Brymer from the Faculty of Health, Queensland University of Technology

Project explanation

This project aims to:

1. **Develop an understanding of special experiences in nature-based activities and the influence that these experiences have on the relationship between humanity and the natural world.**
2. **Develop an understanding how such extraordinary experiences might come about.**
3. **Develop an understanding how these extraordinary experiences might change the relationship between humanity and the natural world.**
4. **Publish academic papers and possibly a book, CD or other audio-visual medium relating to these experiences.**

What will I be asked to do?

If you decide to participate you will be asked to upload your story on a specially designed website. You will be able to upload video, audio or word files and a section available for written stories. You will be asked to tell your story of your special experience in nature in your own words. You must ensure that you only submit your original work or photographs, video or other material that Queensland University of Technology and the researchers have the right to use.

There is no requirement that you provide your name or other contact details. However, there may be occasions when the researchers require more information about certain aspects of your story. If you are happy for the researcher to contact you to ask for more information please include a contact email with your story.

Do not send to Queensland University of Technology anything that is offensive, pornographic, defamatory or unlawful. If you do so, Queensland University of Technology will terminate your registration and you will not be permitted to use the site. Queensland University of Technology may take whatever other actions it deems necessary, including forwarding such material or reporting your provision of such material to any appropriate authority to deal with.

What will I gain from participating?

By participating in this project you may gain an increased understanding of your own experience, its triggers and influences and your own attitude to the environment. By exploring stories that relate to special experiences and attitudes to the natural world we may be able to identify relations between these factors and any triggered changes. Examining these stories will assist us to understand the relationship between humanity and the natural world and how we might develop care. It is also hoped that this project may contribute to the broader knowledge of the human-nature relationship and positive ecological experiences and attitudes. In turn this will help develop more effective tools to manage today's ecological issues and for the development of tomorrow's ecological leaders.

How will the information I give be used?

The information will be used to help understand the nature of extraordinary experiences by combining stories and looking for similarities and differences. The stories will also help explore similarities and differences in triggers and influences.

By submitting your story or other material you grant Queensland University of Technology and the researchers a licence to use, reproduce and publish your story or other material, or extracts from them for the purpose of this research and other research which may follow. You acknowledge that this licence may not be revoked and that you will not be paid for this.

The information will be presented as academic papers for conferences, journals and other media. Extracts from your story might be used to illustrate a particular theme or issue. If you have provided your name, this will not be included in any publications. However, if you have provided photographs, video or other audiovisual material, this may be published, even if you can be identified from this.

Your name and any contact details that you provide will be confidential and will be securely stored by the principal investigator (Dr Eric Brymer).

What are the potential risks of participating in this project?

The potential risks from participating in this project include feelings of minor discomfort when telling your story. Participation in this study is voluntary. If while telling your story you become distressed in any way you have the right to withdraw from the study at any time. In terms of confidentiality please be aware that all data will be stored securely and the only person who will have access to the data is the principal researcher, Dr Eric Brymer.

Should you feel distressed please contact a trained health care professional in your area.

How will this project be conducted?

Participation in this study is completely voluntary and you can stop participating in the project at any point of time. Note however, that once you have submitted your material then this can continue to be used in a de-identified manner, as specified above.

Having read the information above - If you are interested in participating please click the continue button provided.

Telling your story online surveys indicates that you have provided consent to participate in the study and that you understand the process and requirements of the study.