



Co-creating vignettes with young people for the Children's Safety Survey:

A data collection tool to prevent child sexual abuse

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Today's talk

- Co-creation in practice and research – and specifically with children
- Children's perceptions of safety (from sexual abuse) as a topic for co-creation
- 3. Focus groups, qualitative data and scenario generation

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Why co-creation with children is so important





Children's right to participation (UNCRC Article 12)

Children and young people have different concerns



Different ways of exploring and understanding experiences

It's legally required (in some jurisdictions in some areas of policy)

Children's participation in research



Evidence suggests that the promotion of young people as able and competent research participants improves both the quality and integrity of research into the lives of young people.

As with practice-based co-creation, children and young people can identify as research participants issues that adult participants may not consider.

Children and young people can be empowered through their involvement in research related to their real and perceived needs.

Children's perception of safety

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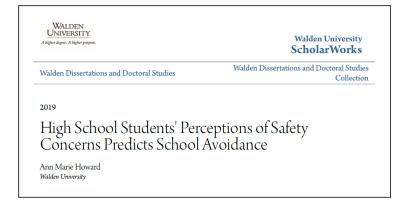
Growing interest in children's safety (particularly from abuse)





Not much literature outside OOHC and schools

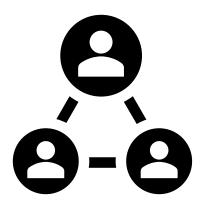


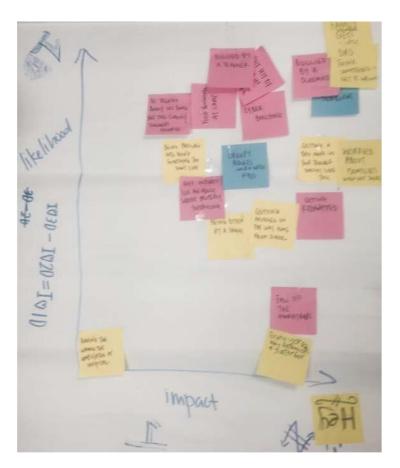


Focus groups for co-creation



Using a co-creation focus group method, youth-serving organisations can develop stakeholder groups of young people to understand their perceptions of safety issues specific to their services and locations.





One task we use in our focus groups in the 'Worry Matrix'*

^{*}Acknowledgement to Dr Tim Moore who first used the worry Matrix in ICPS

Locally-collected data



Going with gut feeling

 Some organisations are making changes to their policy and practice based off what they think would work

Using evidencebased research

 Some organisations are making changes based off evidence and research

Using locallycollected data Some organisations are collecting data from their stakeholders to base changes off

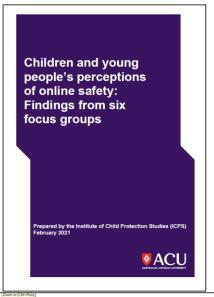


Analysis of children's views/data

Researchers can also conduct thematic analysis to support the identification of concerning dynamics, environments, relationships, and interactions.

This can lead to reports for clients, or publications of research







How are children's views used?



Scenarios

We have also used children and young people's views collected through our research project and converted findings into a set of scenarios describing unsafe situations with an adult and/or peer, then animated and used within the Children's Safety Survey.



Conclusions



The co-creation of vignettes related to child sexual abuse and safety with young people through a research methodology has

- supported data collection to improve practice at the organisational level.
- helped develop scenarios for empirical research
- supported changes to organisations' safeguarding policy and practice by using locally-collected data from their stakeholders.



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