

Date

26/05/2025

Project Title

Becoming global: An occupational perspective on learning to be global citizens

Invitation to participate

Kia ora, my name is Husna, and I am enrolled as a PhD student at Auckland University of Technology. I would like to invite you to participate in a research project that explores how New Zealanders who are part of an outbound education programme become global citizens through their everyday activities while abroad.

**What is the purpose of this research?**

The purpose of this research is to gain a better understanding of New Zealanders' everyday activities that shape their learning towards becoming global citizens while they are part of an outbound education programme in Southeast Asia. Some of these everyday activities might include shopping, eating out, and taking public transport.

The findings from this study will be useful for:

- informing and guiding future New Zealanders who are intending on participating in an outbound education programme based in Southeast Asia
- supporting the development, maintenance, and creation of short-term outbound education programmes funded by universities, governments or university government partnerships

The end product of this research will be a doctoral thesis, and your participation will contribute towards me gaining a qualification. The results of the study may be published or presented at conferences.

How was I identified and why am I being invited to participate in this research?

You may have seen this research project through an announcement on Asia New Zealand's LinkedIn post, Leadership Network newsletter or website. You may also have come across an advertisement or information about this research project that was forwarded to you by your professional networks, and/or through professional events.

I aim to interview up to 20 research participants for this research project. The inclusion criteria are:

- aged 18+
- permanent residents or citizens of New Zealand
- currently or previously part of an outbound education programme sponsored by a university, government or university-government partnership between 2000 and 2025

If you meet the inclusion criteria and are interested in the study, your participation and assistance would be most appreciated. Your participation in the research is voluntary (it is your choice). You can choose to withdraw from the study at any time without consequences. For Asia New Zealand Foundation members, withdrawing would not affect your future membership in the Foundation or access to internship opportunities in any way. If you choose to withdraw from the study, you can ask for information collected from you to be deleted, unless you withdraw after data analysis has been undertaken.

How do I agree to participate in this research?

You can indicate your interest in participating by text, phone or email. Once I hear from you, I will contact you to answer any questions you may have and arrange where to send the consent form. After you send that back to me, I will ask you to complete a basic demographic data form and then arrange a suitable time for an interview.

Token of appreciation

You will be given a \$30 Prezzy card upon completion of the interview as a token of appreciation for participating.

What will my participation involve?

Your involvement in the research will involve being part of an interview on Teams or in-person at a place that is convenient for you. Interviews will last 60-90 minutes. The interview will be audio-taped and later transcribed. I will seek your permission to carry out a brief follow-up call after the interview to clarify any information. You will receive a copy of your interview, with the option to remove or add information that you want included in the transcript. The interview will be conducted in English.

As part of the interviews, you are invited to bring 5 to 10 photos showing the everyday activities and experiences that you had while on your outbound education programme in Malaysia, Singapore or Indonesia. You may also choose to take photos expressly for this interview that are meaningful to you and remind you of your experiences abroad. **This is optional**, the photos will be used to help prompt discussion and reflection during our interviews. The photos may also be used in academic outputs such as my thesis. Photos containing people will be cropped and/or blurred to deidentify the people in the images

For participants in Malaysia, Singapore or Indonesia, I will also seek your permission to accompany you as you do something, to get a 'snapshot' of your everyday living (e.g., going to get groceries, eating out, taking a walk in your neighbourhood). You can choose what we will do together and how you will introduce me to anyone we meet. This will also take 60-90 minutes.

What are the benefits?

The benefit to participating in this research is having the opportunity to reflect upon your experiences and gain insight into some of the personal transformations gained from your everyday life in Southeast Asia. The wider contribution that participating in this research might have is supporting the development of outbound education programmes that will provide opportunities for future New Zealanders to learn abroad.

What are the costs?

The only cost to you is your time for the interview and to check the transcript. I may come back to you to clarify something from the interview. If you are in Malaysia, Singapore or Indonesia and agree to having me accompany you, there is also the time for an observation.

Will the results of the study be published?

Deidentified results of this research will be published in a doctoral thesis. This thesis will be available to the general public through the AUT library. Results may be published in peer-reviewed, academic journals. Results will also be presented during conferences or seminars to wider professional (e.g. Asia New Zealand Foundation) and academic communities. You will not be identifiable in any publication.

What are the discomforts and risks?

Being interviewed may bring up past experiences that may cause discomfort. For instance, you may recall a stressful or challenging experience that you encountered and had to deal with while living in Southeast Asia.

How will these discomforts and risks be alleviated?

Your participation is voluntary, and you can choose not to talk about subjects that you find distressing. You can choose to stop the interview or choose to be interviewed at another time.

If you are an Asia New Zealand Foundation member, in the unlikely event that you need additional support, you can contact your supervisor located in the Malaysia and/or Joyce who can help you as your pastoral care coordinator located in Auckland, New Zealand. Her contact is listed below:

Joyce Bonde

Phone: 021 066 1426

Email: jbonde@asianz.org.nz

What will happen to information about me?

The information I will collect will include demographic data (e.g. age, gender, ethnicity, citizenship status). I will also be audio-recording our interviews and observations. This data will be associated with a pseudonym that is designed to not identify you, and any identifying information will be removed or disguised.

Data will be kept in AUT storage for a minimum of 6 years. Only my supervisory team and I will have access to the data. The findings from this research may be published in a conference or journal article. With your consent, photos may also be used in academic outputs

Identifiable information will only be disclosed outside of the study with your permission, or as required by law. This might happen if you disclose illegal activities to me (please don't), or if I have serious, imminent concerns for your safety.

What opportunity do I have to consider this invitation?

You can choose to participate in this research up until data collection for this study has been completed.

Will I receive feedback on the results of this research?

You will receive a copy of your interview transcript. You are welcome to remove any information that you do not want included. Additionally, I will send a summary of the research findings to you at the end of the study, if you request this.

What do I do if I have concerns about this research?

Any concerns regarding the nature of this project should be notified in the first instance to the Project Supervisor:

Dr Margaret Jones

margaret.jones@aut.ac.nz

09 929 999 ext 7781

Concerns regarding the conduct of the research should be notified to the Executive Secretary of ATEC, ethics@aut.ac.nz, (+64) 921 9999 ext 6038.

Who do I contact for further information about this research?

Please keep this Information Sheet and a copy of the Consent Form for your future reference. You are also able to contact the research team as follows:

Researcher Contact Details:

Husna Harmi

husna.harmi@aut.ac.nz

0204547838

Project Supervisor Contact Details:

Margaret Jones

margaret.jones@aut.ac.nz

09 929 999 ext 7781

Approved by the Auckland University of Technology Ethics Committee on 26 May 2025, ATEC Reference number 25/80