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National We Speak Survey launched by YWCA and QUT

A new survey launched today aims to collect large-scale national data on experiences of leadership, housing and security through a gendered lens. The first **We Speak** survey is a collaboration between YWCA Australia and the Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

PhD researcher Megan Godwin is leading the research study on behalf of BEST - Centre for Behavioural Economics, Society and Technology at Queensland University of Technology (QUT).

“My research primarily focuses on women’s health behavior, mental health and subjective wellbeing,” explains Ms Godwin. “The findings of the **We Speak** survey will not only inform YWCA advocacy, policy and services, but will also contribute to and influence my ongoing research into women’s health.”

“More specifically, results from the survey will help us to identify how Australian women experience leadership in their family, work or community, housing affordability and accessibility, social connectivity and their health.”

“We know that without an intersectional and gendered lens on key societal issues, policies and decision-making are not fully informed or truly responsive to the needs of individuals and communities,” says Susan Rudland, YWCA’s Research and Evaluation Specialist.

Ms Rudland says “We want to build knowledge and understanding of these issues. That’s why we are looking for at least 1000 women and non-binary people over the age of 18 to participate in this survey before the end of August.”

Survey respondents will have the chance to share in a \$1000 total prize pool (10 x \$100 vouchers) by opting in and providing contact details prior to 5 September 2020.

You can complete the **We Speak** survey here:

https://busqut.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7THrAB8nZiHMQGV

For more information, visit www.ywca.org.au/wespeak2020