

International Youth Development Study

Newsletter | Winter 2010

Thank you

We would like to thank you all for your continued involvement in the International Youth Development study. **You are irreplaceable in this study** and as members of the IYDS your involvement to date has made a vital contribution toward increasing our understanding of issues facing young people. This contribution includes over 20 publications in scientific journals, regular presentations at national and international conferences, public forums and newspaper, radio and TV reports and has covered a wide range of issues, including the effects of binge drinking in young people, identification of factors in preventing youth violence, the effects of school suspension and school drug policies.

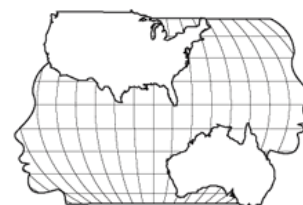
We now look forward to finding out about your views and experiences since finishing school.

What's happening this year?

The IYDS 2010 Young Adult Survey

It is 8 years since the study began and we are now entering an exciting new phase of the study.

In recognition of the significance of our research, the IYDS was recently awarded further funding from the Australian government to follow-up participants into young adulthood. This year we will be surveying all the original IYDS participants from Victoria to ask about life as a young adult. This study will allow us to investigate the factors early in life which influence behaviour and experiences in adulthood.



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This important research project relies on **each of you** to tell us about your life in young adulthood so that we can continue to provide information to the Australian and international community about how we can identify and work towards preventing problems and improving health for young people today.

This year you will be asked to complete the survey online which means that you can complete it in your own home at a time that is convenient to you. It will take you between 30 – 60 minutes to complete and to thank you for your valuable time and effort we will be **offering all participants who complete the survey a choice of vouchers to the value of \$40.**

What's coming up?

Future follow ups

This latest IYDS young adult follow-up study is funded for 5 years. We plan to survey all Victorian study participants in 2010, 2012 and 2014. Our partners in Washington State are also applying for funding to follow-up their original participants. This would allow us to compare the views and experiences of IYDS participants who have grown up in Washington State with those of each of you. This is another very exciting new development for the IYDS and we are hopeful that our United States partners will be successful. Stay tuned

Research update: Findings from the International Youth Development Study

Because so many of you have continued to participate in the study and answer our surveys the results of our research have had a significant impact on community awareness and government policies about how we can identify and work towards preventing problems and enhancing health outcomes for young people today.

2009 and 2010 have been busy and exciting years for the IYDS and we have continued to publish more important results based on your responses to our surveys. Some recent publications are listed below:

Title: *Longitudinal examination of physical and relational aggression as precursors to later problem behaviors in adolescents.*

Authors: Herrenkohl, T. I., Catalano, R. F., Hemphill, S. A., & Toumbourou, J. W. (2009).

Journal: *Violence and Victims, 2009, 24, 3-19.*

Title: *Modifiable determinants of youth violence in Australia and the United States: A longitudinal study.*

Authors: Hemphill, S., Smith, R., Herrenkohl, T.I., Catalano, R.C., McMorris, B.J., Toumbourou, J.W., Romaniuk, H.

Journal: *The Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology, 2009, 42 (3), 289-309.*

Title: *Alcohol use and related harms in school students in the USA and Australia.*

Authors: Toumbourou, J.W., Hemphill, S.A, McMorris, B.J., Catalano, R.F. & Patton, G.C.

Journal: *Health Promotion International, 2009, 24(4):373-382.*

Title: *School tobacco policies in Washington State, United States and Victoria, Australia.*

Authors: Evans-Whipp, T., Ukoumunne, O., Bond, L., Toumbourou, J. & Catalano, R.

Journal: *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 2010, 7(3), 698-710*

The IYDS website has been updated

You can find us at: www.iyds.org

The website includes a list of all published papers based on the data from the IYDS. In addition, the site includes information about what's happening on the IYDS, the aims and objectives of the study, news and findings... and more!

How to contact us

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

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Keeping in contact with you

Your involvement in this study is very important to us.

You are irreplaceable in the study, and that's why we make every effort to keep your contact information up-to-date.

This year, as part of completing the online survey, we will ask you to review the contact details we have currently listed for you and to update these if they have changed. Please note that your name and contact details are stored separately and never linked to your survey responses.

Keeping your contact details up to date means that we can keep in touch with you and ask for your involvement in the next stage of the project.