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SHARED EQUITY HOUSING OPTIONS FOR LOW INCOME WOMEN RESEARCH PROJECT

RECRUITING INTERVIEW PARTICIPANTS

Women's Property Initiatives
Formerly the Victorian Women's Housing Housing (VWHA), Women's Property Initiatives (WPI) was established in 1996 to develop innovative mechanisms that provide a range of housing options for disadvantaged women and their children to address and prevent homelessness. WPI is a non-government, not-for-profit entity and is women specific.

What is the 'Shared Equity Housing Options' research project about?
WPI has been funded by the Ian Potter Foundation and the Victorian Women's Trust to research and develop a shared equity model of home ownership specifically geared to the needs of lower income single women over the age of 55 years. This is NOT a low/no deposit scheme but will be targeted at women who have a minimum $100,000 to contribute to home purchase. The idea is to explore alternative ways in which a shared equity home ownership scheme could work for this group of women in partnership with a community housing organisation. The project will occur through 2015 and 2016. A consultant, Chris Black, has been engaged for the project.

Am I eligible to participate?
For the project, WPI wants to speak directly to a small number of women (6-8 in total) who may be interested in a shared equity home ownership scheme to understand how this might benefit them, and what some of their issues and concerns might be about such a home ownership product. There will be remuneration of $60 (to cover travel costs) to participate in an interview in Melbourne in November 2015. To determine your eligibility, please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WPISharedEquity to complete a short survey. If you don't have Internet access, please contact researcher Chris Black on 0417 386 535 for a hard copy of the questions.

Thanks for your interest in this project.