



Understanding Participation in the ACT

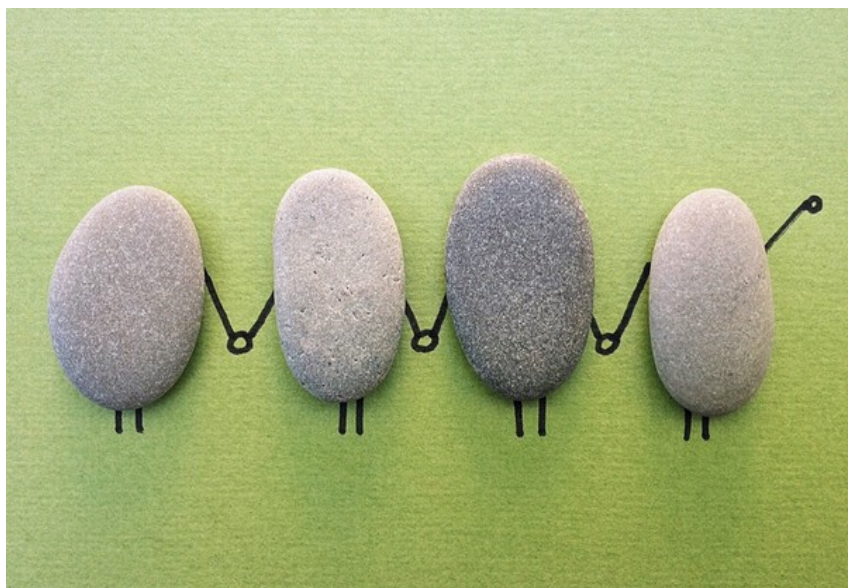
This project aimed to explore how participation works in practice, how lived experience voices are integrated into policy and services, and how these contributions are valued.

Aims

Aim 1: To understand the nature of consumer and carer participation in the ACT, including changes in the participatory environment and responses to those changes.



Aim 2: To investigate how the contributions of consumers and carers are valued, how their voices are used in services and policy, and to explore the concept and meaning of 'value' in the representation/participation space from multiple perspectives.



What we did

The research questions addressed by this project were developed by consumers and carers in the ACT.

The research methods were designed in partnership with representatives from Health Care Consumers' Association, The ACT Mental Health Consumer Network, Carers ACT, and ACT Health, and independent consumer and carer representatives.

A total of 11 interviews were conducted, with data analysis and manuscript drafting completed in early 2023.

What is next

The findings of the project were presented at The Mental Health Services Conference, October 2022, and a paper on the outcomes of the project will be submitted in the third quarter of 2023.

Our goal is to produce a set of consumer and carer-developed principles for participation value and impact, accompanied by a set of indicators.

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