

Invitation for Community Stakeholders

World Teahouse: Supporting Older Adults' Participation in a Smart Urban Future

You are invited to take part in a PhD research study at Auckland University of Technology. The study explores how Mandarin-speaking Chinese older adults in Auckland participate in everyday community life, access services and information, stay connected, and navigate increasingly digital or online systems.

Who are we inviting?

We are inviting a small number of community stakeholders who have relevant experience with older adults, Chinese or migrant communities, healthy ageing, age-friendly Auckland, community participation, local services, transport, libraries, health, planning, advocacy, or local government.

You may be suitable if you:

- are aged 18 years or over;
- have direct or relevant professional, community, service, planning, or advocacy experience;
- can join a Mandarin-speaking or bilingual workshop discussion;
- are willing to listen respectfully and share relevant observations or ideas.

What would participation involve?

- attending one or more workshop in Auckland, depending on the workshop focus, your role or experience, and your availability;
- taking part in small-table discussion and simple activities, such as mapping, prioritising, writing notes, or using stickers;
- listening to older adults' experiences and sharing relevant service or community perspectives;
- allowing workshop discussion and materials to be used as research data, if you consent.

The workshops are expected to take place at AUT North Campus between September and early October 2026, tentatively on Tuesday mornings from around 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Each workshop will last about 2 to 2.5 hours, with specific sessions confirmed based on the workshop focus, your relevant experience, and your availability. Tea, light refreshments, and simple snacks will be provided free of charge.

Your role in the workshop

Stakeholders will participate as listeners and contributors to a research discussion. You will not be there to assess older adult participants, provide services, make decisions about them, or make formal commitments on behalf of your organisation.

Confidentiality

Because this is a group workshop, people in the room will hear what others say. All participants will be asked to respect confidentiality. Stakeholders are asked not to use older adults' individual comments or personal experiences for service follow-up, organisational reporting, or professional decision-making outside the research context.

What study data may be collected?

- workshop discussion;
- researcher/facilitator notes and table capture sheets;
- written or drawn workshop materials, maps, stickers, and table outputs;
- photographs of workshop materials only, not photographs of participants;
- audio recordings, listening notes and/or partial de-identified transcripts where consent is given.

Interested?

Please contact the student researcher directly to ask questions or express interest. Expressing interest does not guarantee a place in a workshop. Stakeholder participation will be arranged based on the focus of each workshop, relevance of the stakeholder's role or experience, availability, and the need to keep the workshop group manageable and comfortable for older adult participants. If there are more interested stakeholders than places available, an interest list or waiting list may be used. Organisations will not nominate people in a way that creates pressure to participate.

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Participation is voluntary. A Community Stakeholder Information Sheet and Consent Form will be provided before participation.

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诚邀您参加奥克兰理工大学（Auckland University of Technology, AUT）的一项博士研究。本研究关注奥克兰讲普通话的华人老年人如何参与日常社区生活、获取服务和信息、保持社会联系，并应对越来越多的数字化或线上系统。

我们邀请谁？

与社区服务或相关领域有经验的人士参加工作坊。您可能来自社区服务、图书馆、地方政府、健康服务、交通、城市规划、老年人支持、倡导组织、移民支持服务，或其他与华人社区、移民群体、健康老龄化、社区参与或奥克兰适老化建设相关的领域。

*奥克兰适老化建设：是指让奥克兰的社区、服务、交通、公共空间和信息系统更加适合老年人生活和参与的相关工作

您适合参加本研究，如果您：

- 年满 18 岁；
- 具有直接或间接的专业、社区、服务、规划或倡导经验；
- 能参加普通话或双语工作坊讨论；
- 愿意尊重倾听，并分享相关观察或想法。能够理解并参与普通话或中英双语讨论；

参与包括什么？

- 参加者将受邀参加一次或多次在奥克兰举行的工作坊。具体参加哪一场，将根据工作坊主题、您的相关经验或角色，以及您的时间安排来确定。
- 在工作坊中，您将参与小组讨论和简单活动，例如地图标注、重点排序、写便签或使用贴纸等；同时聆听老年人的经验，并从社区、服务或政策实践角度分享相关观察和想法。

工作坊预计于 2026 年 9 月至 10 月初在 AUT North Campus 举行，暂定每周二上午 9:00 - 12:00 左右。每场工作坊约持续 2 至 2.5 小时。具体场次将根据工作坊主题、您的相关经验和时间安排进一步确认。现场将免费提供茶水、点心和简单轻食。

您在工作坊中的角色

您将作为讨论参与者加入工作坊，主要是倾听老年参与者的经验，并结合自己的工作或社区背景分享相关观察和想法。这个工作坊不是服务评估会，也不是现场解决个案问题的会议。您不需要评价任何参与者、提供具体服务、替他们作决定，或代表您的机构作出正式承诺。

保密说明

由于这是小组工作坊，在场人员会听到彼此的发言。我们会提醒所有参与者尊重彼此的隐私，不在工作坊之外透露他人的姓名、身份或个人经历。作为利益相关方，也请您不要将老年参与者在工作坊中分享的个人评论或个人经历，用于后续服务跟进、机构报告或专业决策。研究结果会以去标识化的方式呈现，不会透露个人身份。

可能收集哪些研究数据？

- 工作坊讨论内容；
- 研究者/协助者笔记和桌面记录表；
- 工作坊中书写或绘制的材料、地图、贴纸、便签和小组产出；
- 工作坊材料的照片，但不会拍摄参与者本人；
- 在获得同意的情况下，收集录音、并形成听记笔记和/或部分去标识化转录文本。

感兴趣参加？

如果您有兴趣了解更多或表达参加意向，请直接联系学生研究者，奥克兰理工大学博士生王曦（Cassie WANG）。表达兴趣并不代表一定会被安排参加工作坊。利益相关方的参与会根据每场工作坊的主题、您的角色或经验与该场讨论的相关性、您的时间安排，以及工作坊人数和老年参与者舒适度来综合安排。若表达兴趣的人数超过可安排名额，研究者可能会建立意向名单或候补名单，并在合适的工作坊再联系您。机构不会以可能造成压力的方式提名或安排人员参加。

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