

# Perspectives from the inside: The voice of the student

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Peter Ferguson

Julie White

Trevor Hay

# Identity- a framework for our thinking

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- What is identity?
  - a) Some general conceptual background
    - Julie White
  
  - b) Adolescence and identity
    - Peter

# Initial 'contact' Who are these people?

	Female	Male	Total	Range of Condition
<b>Age</b>				
10	1	-	1	Cystic Fibrosis 3 Anorxia/Eating disorder not specified 3
11	-	1	1	Addisons Disease B12 Deficiency 1
12	2	1	3	Aquired Brain Injury 1
13	2	1	3	Bronchiectstasis 1
14	4	1	5	Broncialitis ablitavan & avascular necrosis 1
15	4 1	1	5	Chronic Fatigue Syndrom
16	3 1	1	4	Chronic Pain Syndrom
17	2	1	3	Craniopharyngioma /Hypopituitarism 1
18	1 1	-	1	Fractured skull & other injuries
<b>Area</b>	<b>Metropolitan</b>	<b>Rural/ Regional</b>	<b>Interstate</b>	
				Sticklers syndrom, Neuronal Intestinal Dysplasia 1 Ulcerative coloitis, Primary Sclerosing cholangiti 1
North	1 1	1		Mitral Heart Valve Prolapse
South	1	-		Unknown 1
East	6	1		No response 1
West	6	3		

# Portraits (*of identity*) (Trevor)

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- Rolf Harris TV show
- Self Portrait
- ‘Artists’ (*researchers*) portrait.
  
- Criteria - which is the best portrait?

To get started, we asked participants to 'portrait' themselves...

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- By camera (or whatever other way they were comfortable with).
- What might you anticipate?

# What the Images tell us

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- Out of almost 1000 photographs from 5 people I had less than 10 that gave any indication of any medical condition in the background (and about the same to do with school).
- Generally they were of family, friends, pets, home, hobbies,.....
- Regardless of the research value of the products produced the camera approach proved to be a very good adolescent substitute for the 'cup of tea and a biscuit'.

# How do the young people see themselves? – 3 case studies

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- Case study 1 - Peter
- Case study 2 - Julie
- Case study 3 - Trevor

What can these case studies overall (we represent 50% of the sample) tell us?

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- Summaries of what we think can be gained from accessing these students in this way – who they see themselves as.

# A lot of discrete individuals.. Who are foremost adolescents.

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- However, there are some themes we have identified as impacting overall.

# Emerging issues - wave 1 data

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- Location
- Age
- Condition - long-term/short-term
- Condition - external indicators and their impact
- Family - People and priority setting
- Friends
- Outside interests/sport/hobbies

# Connections – what speculations can we make so far?

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- Structure of the study overall and our current position:

Wave one and emerging wave 2 data

# Diversity

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- What can we conclude about the interaction between connections, identity and background medical conditions thus far?