Welcome to the 2018 Australian Party Youth Wing Survey!

This survey is being conducted across Australia by Professor Duncan McDonnell and a team of researchers at Griffith University in Brisbane. It forms part of a wider international project on the youth wings of the major parties in Australia and Germany. Our aim is to understand why young people today join youth wings, why they remain as long-term members and what kind of activities they engage in. Since youth members represent the futures of their parties, the survey is an important indicator of trends in Australian democracy.

We give you every assurance that the information collected in this study will not be used in any form that allows identification of individual respondents. All findings from the survey will only be reported as overall results.

We realise you are busy, and so we have limited the number of questions and kept them as brief and straightforward as we can. The survey should not take longer than 12-15 minutes to complete.

Participation is entirely voluntary and you can withdraw at any point. For ethical reasons, we have restricted participation to those aged 18 and above. Please indicate by ticking the box on the next page that you are 18 or over and are happy to participate.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important study.

For assistance with the survey, please email Reese Boulton (reese.boulton@griffithuni.edu.au) and Duncan McDonnell (d.mcdonnell@griffith.edu.au)

Section A: Biography

A1. **Please indicate whether you are at least 18 years old and willing to participate in the survey by ticking yes in the box below. If you respond that you are under the age of 18, you will exit the survey**

- Yes ☐
- No ☐

A2. **What age are you?**

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A3. **Please indicate your gender**

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A4. **Which state or territory do you live in?**

- QLD ☐
- NSW ☐
- VIC ☐
- SA ☐
- TAS ☐
- WA ☐
- NT ☐
- ACT ☐

A5. **Do you live in a state or territory capital?**

- Yes ☐
- No ☐

A6. **Which is the highest educational qualification you have obtained?**

- Year 10 ☐
- Year 12 ☐
- TAFE ☐
- Undergraduate degree ☐
- Postgraduate degree ☐

A7. **Are you currently enrolled in university?**

- Yes ☐
- No ☐

A8. Are you a member of a Labor club on your university campus?

Yes ☐

No ☐

A9. Are you a member of a constituency branch of the senior Labor party?

Yes ☐

No ☐

A10. Have you been a member of any of the following organisations in the past 5 years?

Sports club ☐

Charity Organisation ☐

Trade Union ☐

Church Group ☐

Business Association ☐

Environmental Group ☐

None of the above ☐

A11. On a scale of 1-10, how interested would you say you are in politics? (1 indicates 'not interested at all' and 10 indicates 'very interested')

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	No answer
Interest in politics	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

A12. In politics, sometimes people talk about the 'left' and the 'right'. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means the left and 10 means the right?

Left 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Right 10	No answer
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

A13. And where would you place your party on this scale?

Left 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Right 10	No answer
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

A14. From the following list, in order of importance, what would you say are the four most important problems facing the country?

Taxation ☐☐

Immigration ☐☐

Education ☐☐

The environment

Government debt

Health and medicare

Refugees and asylum seekers

Global warming

Superannuation

Management of the economy

Section B: Reasons for joining

B1. In what year did you join the Labor Party youth wing?

B2. I signed up for the youth wing ...

While I was at school

During O-week at university

After O-week, but while still at university

Other

Other

B3. Has anyone in your immediate family (parents & siblings) ever been a member of any political party?

Yes

No

B4. Please tick the parties that people in your immediate family (parents & siblings) have been members of

The Labor Party

The Liberal Party

The National Party

The Greens

Other ☐

Other

B5. **Was anyone from your immediate family (parents & siblings) *already* a member of the youth wing or the senior party when you joined?**

Yes ☐

No ☐

B6. **Were any of your friends *already* members of the youth wing or the senior party when you joined?**

Yes ☐

No ☐

B7. **To what extent do you agree with the following statements?**

"I joined the youth wing because..."

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
I wanted to meet people who share my values	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I wanted to work on an election campaign	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I had friends who were already members	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I wanted to influence Labor Party policy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I had family who were already members	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I felt very strongly about the Labor Party's policies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I thought it would help me make contacts for my future career	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I wanted to stand as a candidate one day	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

B8. **Were there any other significant reasons why you joined the party youth wing?**

B9. **Have you been a member of the youth wing for more than 12 months? (Responding no will exit the survey)**

- Yes ☐
- No ☐

Section C: Reasons for staying

C1. **How often *during the 2016 Federal Election campaign* did you participate in campaigning activities (e.g. phone banks; distributing flyers; canvassing)?**

- More than once a week ☐
- Once a week ☐
- Several times a month ☐
- Once a month ☐
- Less than once a month ☐
- I was not yet a member ☐
- I was a member but I did not participate in the campaign ☐

C2. **In the past year, how often *outside campaign time* have you participated in youth wing activities (meetings, policy events, fundraising, etc.)?**

- More than once a week ☐
- Once a week ☐
- Several times a month ☐
- Once a month ☐
- Less than once a month ☐
- Have not participated ☐

C3. In the past year, how often *outside campaign time* have you participated in online activities related to the youth wing (e.g. online discussions, emails, sharing material on Facebook, etc.)?

- More than once a week ☐
- Once a week ☐
- Several times a month ☐
- Once a month ☐
- Less than once a month ☐
- Have not participated online ☐

C4. In the past year, how often *outside campaign time* have you socialised with people from the youth wing?

- More than once a week ☐
- Once a week ☐
- Several times a month ☐
- Once a month ☐
- Less than once a month ☐
- Never ☐

C5. In the past year, *outside campaign time*, how many hours (approximately) do you think you have devoted to party activities in an average week?

- 0 ☐
- 1-5 ☐
- 6-10 ☐
- More than 10 ☐

C6. Have any of your friends joined the youth wing since you did?

- Yes ☐
- No ☐

C7. Has anyone in your immediate family (parents & siblings) joined your party since you did?

- Yes ☐
- No ☐

C8. Is your spouse/partner/girlfriend/boyfriend a member of the youth wing?

Yes ☐

No ☐

C9. Please indicate the degree to which you agree with the following statements

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Being a member of the youth wing allows me to influence policies I care about	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
In the future, I would like to work for the senior party (e.g. as an official, advisor, campaign manager, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
In the future, I would like to stand as a candidate for the senior party	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Being in the youth wing takes up a lot of my free time	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Being in the youth wing has meant I have taken longer to complete my studies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Being in the youth wing allows me to spend time with people I like	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

C10. On a scale of 1-10, how important are each of these party activities to you? (1 indicates very *unimportant*, and 10 indicates very *important)*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Policy Discussions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social Events (e.g. barbecues, parties)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Campaigning	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Attending Senior Party Branch Meetings	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Fundraising	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

C11. Do you plan to continue as a member of the senior Labor party when you are no longer in the youth wing?

Yes ☐

No ☐

C12. **What do you like most about the youth wing? If you wish to answer, please do so in the space provided below.**

C13. **What do you think is the main thing that could be done to improve the experience of being in the youth wing? If you wish to answer, please do so in the space provided below.**