Request to interview members of U3A

My name is Alex Beattie and I'm a lecturer from Victoria University of Wellington. I am contacting you because we are conducting a study of New Zealanders' opinions on scientific research and scientists in this country. We feel that in the past this research has not included a range of opinions from Kiwis and one of the goals of the study is to remedy this.

We would like to interview up to five members from the University of the Third Age, Wellington about their <u>personal opinions</u> on scientific research, scientists, and science reporting in New Zealand, including which resources and experts they trust and whether their opinions have changed over the past 5–10 years.

An interview would take 20–30 minutes by phone or Zoom. Interviews would be recorded for research purposes but not publicly shared and participants can choose to remain anonymous. They will be interviewed by either myself, or my research associate Shona Riddell (cc'd in).

Please register your interest to alex.beattie@vuw.ac.nz

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