

Voices from the Margin: Youth, Identity and Belonging in a Tourist Destination (PhD project)

Children and young people's views have often been marginalised in social research about their lives. This is particularly so in the field of tourism studies where children's voices have largely been absent. This PhD study **aimed to explore how children and young people negotiate a sense of identity and belonging when growing up in a community which is also a popular tourist destination.**



Research Design

An ethnographic and participatory methodology was employed to explore the lived experiences of children and young people growing up in the Australian tourist destination of Byron Shire. The study was conducted in four phases:

Phase 1: Consultation with the Byron Shire Youth Council on how best to engage with young people in the area.

Phase 2: In-depth interviews with 14 youth workers and other key adult stakeholders to explore their views on the challenges faced by young people growing up in the area.

Phase 3: In-depth interviews and focus groups with 74 young people between the ages of 10 and 24.

Phase 4: Two participatory projects with 20 young people which resulted in the creation of three stop-motion animations and 11 peer-interviews.

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Outputs to Date

Academic Publications

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