MONASH University

Capture and Publication of Data on the History of Adoption

PROJECT SUMMARY

This data capture project focused on automation and streamlining of data capture, metadata capture and publication of life stories of those who have had experience with the adoption process, whilst navigating the legal and ethical censorship issues around publication of these stories.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- The development of capture and storage processes for the stories, and associated metadata
- The development of a process for generating a story web page with attached story transcript, metadata files and search tags.
- The process of publishing a story to ARROW, the Monash Library public repository
- This project spawned an e-Research ethics forum which meets regularly, and includes membership from within and beyond Monash University

PROJECT BACKGROUND

A central feature of the History of Adoption research project was the collection of life stories provided by participants, who have had experience with the adoption process. The stories were submitted as either a text file or sound file and the existing data capture process was not efficient or effective. Therefore the development of a streamlined and automated data capture process, for both the data and metadata, was required so that the data could be easily discovered and reused.

PROJECT CONTACTS

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