This project seeks to challenge assumptions held and promoted through media and policy about Indigeneity, and the visibility of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within cities. Building on limited research in this area, this project will use qualitative methods including narrative and creative approaches to engage with a small sample of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Melbourne from a range of settings, to consider how their identity/identities are expressed and performed, and what relationship this has with health and wellbeing.

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