

Press release about Monash Social Research Centre Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Monash University recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Social Research Centre promoting research collaboration between the two organisations.

The Social Research Centre, based in North Melbourne, is a dedicated social research organisation with specialist expertise in social, health and government research services and an established track record of delivering quality projects to exacting standards.

“Monash is delighted to team up with the Social Research Centre to collaborate on future research projects,” said Professor Edwina Cornish, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

“The Social Research Centre’s capabilities in the design and conduct of large-scale quantitative surveys, as well as their qualitative research expertise, will complement and strengthen Monash’s specialist research expertise.”

Monash’s research strengths such as social, environmental and health policy (including community well-being), employment, families and young people, education and training, population health monitoring, road safety, migration, labour supply and skills shortages, poverty and social exclusion will benefit from this partnership. The Social Research Centre will also benefit from increased access to Monash experts in these areas.

Both organisations are committed to tackling the contemporary challenges confronting government and our society. We also share a commitment to becoming a centre of excellence in the practice of social research in Australia through better understanding the demands of such research, current limitations and also striving to continuously improve the methods used.

Monash University and the Social Research Centre have both appointed Relationship Managers to facilitate these closer ties. If you would like further information about this initiative contact Darren Pennay, Managing Director of the Social Research Centre (tel 03 9326 8500, email: darren@srcentre.com.au).

The timing of this announcement comes at a very exciting time for the Social Research Centre which has recently been awarded several million dollars in ongoing contracts to undertake research into welfare reform, student outcomes, population health monitoring and violence against women. The Social Research Centre is also set to make a formal announcement about the formation of a Qualitative Research Division in the near future. This division will be headed by the Michael Murphy (formerly a partner in Market Access) and one of Australia’s leading social marketing and health promotion researchers. Michael will be joining the Social Research Centre as a director and partner.