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This video is an effort to simplify, to demystify a very complex part of all research projects, research ethics.

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This video aims to help lived, experienced research partners understand what research ethics is based on.

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Research is all about discovering new insights to educate and solve problems in the hope of improving our world and how we all interact within it.

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In our combined efforts toward improvement, we are seeing that more people with a lived experience have been included into research teams.

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By providing their valuable insights into projects early, not only are we increasing the possibility to improve outcomes, but most importantly including people with a lived experience.

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This helps make sure the research is truly Co designed or Co created.

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As researchers, we could not make assumptions about the data we collect, so why should we start a project by making assumptions about what people in the team know or don't know?

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Research ethics is making sure that discoveries are made in a way that's fair, honest, and respectful to everyone involved.

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Let's break this down a little and take a look at the ethical principles that make sure the research is safe for everyone involved.

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The first principle is respect for persons.

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This means recognising the independence Oregon autonomy and the worth of everyone.

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Here, researchers must get informed consent from participants, meaning they clearly explain what the research is about, what's involved, and any potential risks.

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People should always have the freedom to choose whether or not to participate, and can also stop participating at any time.

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This principle also includes that the researchers respect the privacy, confidentiality, and cultural sensitivities of people involved in the research.

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Next is beneficence.

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These principles are about getting the most benefits of research while also, importantly, minimising harm.

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Researchers have to carefully consider how their work impacts participants in society.

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They need to make sure that the good of the research outweighs any potential risks.

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And then there's justice.

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This is about fairness in research.

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It makes sure that the benefits and burdens of research are shared for the greater good.

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No one group should bear the risks of research without also having the chance to benefit from its outcomes.

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Justice also includes making sure that the research findings are easy to access in a timely and clear way.

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These principles are used to guide researchers in their projects of discovery.

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It is important to share this information to new members of the team in a way that everyone can understand and follow.

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This way, lived experience researchers aren't just included, they are also empowered and valued.

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Because in the end, how we do research is just as important as what we discover.

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After all, how ethical is it if we seek to apply ethics principles to a project, but then don't apply them to the team?

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This is a snapshot into ethics in a research project.

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