# How to join in

#### 1. Get the Discord App

Access the Discord app on your mobile, tablet or desktop browser.

## 2. Follow the link

Scan the QR code below which will lead you to the Freedom Discord server!

## 3. Stay in the loop

Stay up-to-date with our session times by following our social media, or check-out our website for all of our session times.

## 4. Jump in and have fun

Our online drop-in sessions are a pretty chill space! We chat, play games, give peer support, share photos and art, and just have fun!



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## What is Discord?

Discord is a popular, free online platform that many use to connect and communicate with their friends and communities.

You can open it on your **regular web browser** or use the **Discord app** which allows users to create and join servers where they can talk over voice, video and text with others in the server.

A server is an **invite only space** within Discord that is made up of different channels, often sorted by topic, that invited members use for communication and to share interests.

# **Does Freedom use Discord?**

Freedom has a **private server** on Discord that we use a to run our moderated online dropin sessions which are accessible to anyone in Western Australia with an internet connection.

Our online sessions provide a helpful alternative to in person sessions where barriers such as location, health, or just the hecticness of life may stand in the way of attending.

Similar to in person sessions, these are split into **Under 18 sessions** for ages 13-17, and **Over 18 sessions** for ages 18-25. Our online sessions are on our calendar and weekly posts, which can be viewed on our social media and website.

On our server, young people can only send messages during our dedicated session times with the main part of the server only opening for discussion during set times.

# What happens in a session?

When we have our online sessions, **usually twice a month from 4-8pm**, we open up our welcome room and make an announcement to let young people know to sign in.

Once signed in they can then access the rest of the channels on the server where they can chat with other young people, get peer support, play games, share interests, and just generally have fun in a safe moderated online space.

**Peer Educators are always present for these online sessions** to facilitate and are there to
sign in visitors, help new members navigate
the server, provide peer support, help with
referrals, and just moderate the space to make
sure everyone has a safe, inclusive time.



