

Letter of Information and Consent

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Who is Doing the Research?

The principal investigator for this research project is Dr Elliot Rossiter, Regular Faculty, Department of Philosophy & Humanities at Douglas College. The other members of the project's research steering team are Dr Rini Sumartojo, Regular Faculty, Department of Geography at Douglas College and Ollie Norris, Research Associate at Douglas College.

What is the Research About?

The purpose of this research project is to better understand the perspectives of those who have experienced challenges related to housing insecurity and how these perspectives can be better included in community conversations about housing. The goal is to learn from these perspectives about what can be done to address these challenges and to advocate for those changes using stories, artwork, writing, and other ways of engaging policymakers and the wider community.

What Will Study Participation Involve?

You will be interviewed by members of the research team who will ask you questions about your thoughts about the themes described above. The interview will take between 30-60 minutes. The interview will be recorded with an audio recorder. You will be compensated with a \$50 gift card to a grocery store (e.g., Save-On Foods). This study involves minimal risk (and risk has been minimized to the best of the project team's ability), but a list of specific support services in the community will be available for interviewees. Please note that you must be over the age of 18 and currently reside in the Metro Vancouver area to be eligible to participate in an interview.

Who is Funding this Research?

This research is supported with funding from both the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Canada Council for the Arts.

What Will Be Done with the Information I Provide?

The audio of the interview will be transcribed into a written document by members of the research team. All personally-identifying information (e.g., name) will be removed from the written transcript. The audio files, de-identified transcript files, and a code file linking your name to these files will be stored separately and confidentially in a password-protected on computers connected to the secure Douglas College network. The research team will use these transcripts to understand the nature of the

housing crisis and how to support advocacy to increase housing security in communities. Themes and quotes (without names) may be used in articles and reports written as part of the project.

What if I Wish to Withdraw from the Study?

You may withdraw from the interview at any point, and you may choose to skip any question asked in the interview. You may also choose to have your interview recording and all associated documents either deleted in part or in whole for up to three months after the date of the interview by contacting the principal investigator, Dr Elliot Rossiter. If you choose to withdraw from the interview or have your participation removed from the study afterward, you will still be able to retain the gift certificate and will still be able to participate in any of the other project activities.

Who Can I Contact if I Have Concerns about the Study?

If you have any concerns about the study or your experiences while participating in it, please contact Dr Niki Huitson, Chair of the Research Ethics Board, Douglas College, at REB@douglascollege.ca.

How will the Research be Useful?

The project seeks to connect storytelling to advocacy for systemic changes that ensure that everyone has access to adequate, dignified, and secure housing. The project activities aim to understand how to build greater solidarity in the community to push for these changes in different levels of government and wider society. The research will help to increase understanding about how to use storytelling and advocacy for housing justice that prioritizes the perspectives of those with lived experience of housing insecurity.

How Can I Learn More about the Project?

You can contact Dr Rossiter at the e-mail address above to be added to the project e-mail list to receive updates about research, advocacy, activities, and other outputs from the project.

Consent:

- Your signature below indicates that you have received a copy of this Consent Form for your own records.
- Your signature indicates that you consent to participate in this study.
- You do not waive any of your legal rights by participating in this study.

Participant Name:

Participant Signature:

Date (yyyy/mm/dd):