

# Peer Research Project



Are you a person with lived experience of social housing or homelessness? Would you be interested in learning how to do community research in a fun and supported way? We are including a 'peer research' component in a larger evaluation of women and gender diverse people's housing in Canada... If you like the sounds of what you read below, please contact us about your interest!

## What is happening?

The Pan Canadian Voices for Women's Housing (PCVWH) in collaboration with the Women's National Housing and Homelessness Network (WNHHN) is currently performing a review to evaluate housing policy and provision for women and gender diverse people across Canada, exploring people's understanding and views of:

- policy and processes guiding housing provision for women and gender diverse people
- people's experiences of gender diverse housing (including experiences of being unhoused as women and gender diverse people)
- 'promising practice' examples of policy and housing provision in this space
- other topics that emerge in and through the research as important.

These themes will be explored in one-on-one interviews, group discussions and in an online survey. A critical component of this approach is our plan to engage five 'peer researchers' to conduct some of the regionally-based interviews/group discussions through their own networks of those with lived experience.

## What is 'peer research'?

Peer research involves people of varied backgrounds and 'lived experience' of homelessness and/or social housing directly in the research process. They are invited to conduct research discussions with others in their networks in the different regions of Canada. The peer researchers would receive training, support and be paid for their time and contribution to the research process. It's a chance to learn how to be a good researcher and gain new skills, meet others and be part of a research team and to support other women and gender diverse people in the community with lived experience.

## What is expected of peer researchers in this project?

Between February and April 2022, we'd expect peer researchers to:

- attend the training session/s and other team building activities (held virtually, via 'Zoom')
- using the materials developed (like a list of discussion themes), run three focus groups, interviews and/or equivalent research activities with those in your region and through your networks
- provide the written notes of the research you undertake

In return, we'll provide you with a payment for your time, training materials, and other support for your participation (like co-facilitating focus groups, providing platforms for virtual sessions, help with designing alternate activities to interviewing, etc.)

## I'm interested! What next...?

Please contact us for more information or to let us know of your interest (before 5pm, **Friday 28 January 2022**):

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