



Understanding Newcomer Experiences of Inclusion Research Project Information Sheet Community Member

Understanding Newcomer Experiences of Inclusion (UNEIOI) is a two-year community-based research project funded by the government of Alberta (Alberta Labor), being implemented by the Centre for Race and Culture (CFRAC), Edmonton. This project is looking at newcomers' experiences of settlement, integration, and inclusion. We want to learn more about how these experiences impact newcomer well-being (for the purpose of this research, we consider well-being a normally positive state of mind encompassing whole life experience). The goal is to find solutions to challenges faced by newcomers to Canada regarding their settlement and integration. **This is an opportunity for newcomers to share their experience, and contribute knowledge to the area of newcomer settlement in Alberta.** (For the purpose of our research, we define as 'newcomer' immigrants and refugees who have lived in Canada for up to 10 years.)

We would like to invite you to participate in the *Understanding Newcomer Experiences of Inclusion* research project in a survey or an interview. The survey will be available online by the beginning of November 2019, and will also be available in languages other than English (please contact us for the link). In addition, we will also have focus groups in several communities across Alberta in which we will ask open-ended questions relating to your experiences as a newcomer to Canada. Your participation in this research is completely voluntary and you may choose to stop participating at any time. **As appreciation for your time, we offer a \$10 gift card for the completion of the survey and a \$25 gift card for participation in the focus group.** It will not be possible to identify you from the data we will collect and we will follow strict guidelines to protect your anonymity.

Topics that might be covered in a survey or focus group:

- settlement experiences
- services used
- access to community groups
- wellbeing and stressors

If you would like to know more about this project, or would like to be involved please contact either person below:

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This project has been reviewed and approved by the Community Research Ethics Board. If you feel you have not been treated according to the descriptions in our information, or your rights as a participant in research have been violated during the course of this project, you may contact the Chair Community Research Ethics Board, at: Community Research Ethics Office (Canada) Corp. c/o Centre for Community Based Research, 190 Westmount Road North, Waterloo ON N2L 3G5; Email: creo@communitybasedresearch.ca Telephone: 1-888-411-2736.