

## Consent form

**Purpose:** The goal of this community-based research project is to learn more about newcomers' experiences of settlement, integration, and in- or exclusion. We want to understand how these experiences impact newcomer well-being (for the purpose of this research, we define well-being as feeling well, healthy, happy, involving high life satisfaction and a sense of meaning and purpose). The goal is to find solutions to challenges faced by immigrants, refugees and migrants to Canada regarding their settlement and integration. This is an opportunity for newcomers to share their experience, and contribute to knowledge to the area of settlement in Alberta.

**Research team:** This research project is funded by the Government of Alberta (Alberta Labour) and conducted by the Centre for Race and Culture, Edmonton. The research will be carried out by Rose-Eva Forgues-Jenkins (Project Assistant) and Myriam Gerber (Research Coordinator).

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**Ethics review:** 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](mailto:creo@communitybasedresearch.ca) Telephone: 1-888-411-2736.

**Participation in the survey:** This survey contains 4 sections of written questions: demographic questions, questions about your well-being and stress, your experiences with newcomer service providers, and about living in Alberta.

You will receive a \$10.- Tim Horton's gift card as an appreciation of your participation in the survey. At the end of the survey we will provide you with instructions on how to obtain your gift card and it will be sent on the next business day. As soon as we have emailed you the gift card, we will delete your contact information for confidentiality purposes.

You may stop participation in the survey at any time. Please note that if you decide to not complete the survey, you will not receive a gift card.

**Voluntary Participation:** Your participation in the study is completely voluntary and you can withdraw your consent at any point up to clicking the "submit survey" button at the end of the survey. Please note that by clicking the "submit survey" button at the end of the study you are providing your consent for participation.

Because the survey is anonymous, once you have submitted your response, we will not be able to determine which survey answers belong to you, and so we cannot withdraw your information from our study. If you decide to not submit your survey, we will not use any of the data which you have entered. Your decision not to participate will not influence your relationship with the Centre for Race and Culture or any other service provider or organization either now, or in the future.

We ask that you only complete the survey once so that the end results of this research will not be skewed.

**Length:** We estimate that the survey should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete. The survey consists of 4 separate parts and contains a total of 56 questions.

The survey does not have a time limit. This means that if at any point you wish to take a break, you can leave the survey and come back to it.

**Results:** Your participation in this project will provide new knowledge in the field of settlement services. We will share the research findings in a final report. This report will be shared with the Government of Alberta, and made available to the public on our website (<https://cfrac.com/>). In addition, we will also send this report to service providers and community organizations across Alberta, and email a pdf version to interested participants (please contact us if you wish to receive a copy of the report).

**Risks and discomforts:** While we do not foresee any major risks or discomfort from your participation in this project, some of the themes from this study may be distressing to individuals, such as experiences of discrimination. Should you feel distressed by the survey in any way, we have provided a list of free resources at the end of the survey.

**Confidentiality:** We have taken measures to protect your privacy: we do not collect any identifying information, such as your name or address. Surveymonkey allows data collectors to turn off the feature which usually collects participants' IP address - we will **turn off** this feature which will ensure that your IP address will not be collected. The information that you will share will remain strictly confidential and will be used solely for the purposes of this research. The only people who will have access to the research data are members of the project staff employed by the Centre for Race and Culture. We will not provide any information by which you might be identified in any publication.

**Conservation of data:** The data collected in this research will be collected on servers of Surveymonkey. Should you wish to know more about Surveymonkey data collection policies please refer to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/mp/legal/privacy-policy/>.

At the end of our data collection in August 2020, we will download the accumulated data to a password-protected computer in the locked offices of the Centre for Race and Culture for analysis. The survey on Surveymonkey will be closed.

**\* 2. By entering the survey, I indicate that I have read the information provided and agree to participate. A pdf copy of our consent form is available on our website.**

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Clicking on the "agree" button below indicates that:

- you have read the above information
- you voluntarily agree to participate
- you are at least 18 years of age
- you currently reside in Alberta
- you are a newcomer who has lived in Canada for up to 10 years

If you do not wish to participate in the research study, please decline participation by clicking on the "disagree" button.

Agree

Disagree