

Recruitment Information for Displacement Study in Kitchener DISPLACEMENT OUT OF THE URBAN CORE

The Social Development Centre Waterloo Region (SDCWR) and School of Planning at University of Waterloo have completed the study that looked at the loss of affordable housing and displacement due to gentrification and rapid development happening in the core areas. For this project, we are looking to hear from people, especially those in underserved communities outside of the urban core, with lived experiences of displacement due to development, renovations and change due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This study includes an interview, which will be used to produce a map of the changes that municipal statistics and data do not reveal: losses of affordable housing, friendly and community spaces, stores, neighbourhoods, and personal loss from the past five to ten years.

We hope you would be able to tell us more or connect us to other people who have experiences they would be willing to share.

For this study, we are looking to hear from participants who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Live in Kitchener, out of core neighbourhoods
- Have experienced, or know stories of, displacement, eviction, or neighbourhood change within the past five to ten years.
- Are part of low income, racialized, newcomer, Indigenous, and LGBTQ2+ communities, in intersection with gender, age and ability.

The interview will focus on two main topics:

- Your housing situation and neighbourhood change and
- How the current Covid-19 pandemic is impacting people's housing situation.

Participants will receive a \$40 gift card (President's Choice, Dollarama).

The study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through a University of Waterloo Research Ethics Committee.

If you know anyone who would be interested in participating, have them contact me at faryal@waterlooregion.org, or call me at 519-465-6517 during working hours and I can provide them more information on participation and set up an interview.

If you would like more information about the project, you can address an email to me at that email, or contact Aleksandra Petrovic, Executive Director of the Social Development Centre at admin@waterlooregion.org.

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