

## **This Is Not Home Survey Consent**

**We invite you to take part in a survey for *This is Not Home*.**

This project is a community-based, participatory research project that will document how low-barrier drop-ins improve access to safe, stable housing for women (cis and trans), two-spirit and gender-diverse persons.

The project brings together drop-ins across Canada: **Sistering** (Toronto ON), **My Sister's Place** (London ON), **Willow's Place** (Hamilton ON), **West Central Women's Resource Centre** (Winnipeg MB), **Downtown Eastside Women's Centre** (Vancouver BC) and **Yukon Status of Women Council** (Whitehorse YT).

### **The project is asking:**

- What makes low-barrier gender-focused drop-ins accessible to the women and gender-diverse people who visit them?
- What barriers do drop-in members face in accessing other services, shelters, and housing?
- What are drop-in members' experiences with homelessness?
- How can the low-barrier gender-focused drop-in model be used to develop appropriate, accessible housing that meets the needs of women, trans, and gender-diverse people facing homelessness?

This survey is one part of the *This Is Not Home* project. We have also held focus groups with participants and staff at all the drop-ins.

**THE SURVEY QUESTIONS** ask about how you use the services at this drop-in, the impacts of COVID, past experiences of homelessness, and your current or most recent housing situation.

**THE SURVEY WILL TAKE ABOUT 20-40 MINUTES TO COMPLETE** if you are doing it online, and about 60-90 minutes to complete with an interviewer. Please make sure you have enough time to complete the survey before starting (unfortunately it isn't possible to save the survey and come back to it another time - it has to be all completed at once).

**YOU WILL RECEIVE \$25** in thanks for completing this survey.

**THIS SURVEY IS COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY.** You have the right to skip any questions you prefer not to answer, and to end the survey at any time. Some questions require an answer - to skip a required question just click "prefer not to answer."

**YOU CAN WITHDRAW FROM THE STUDY** even after completing the survey, by asking us to remove your survey from the database.

**SOME QUESTIONS MIGHT BE UPSETTING.** Feel free to skip any questions. If you feel upset during or after completing the survey, please speak to staff at this drop-in.

**THIS SURVEY IS CONFIDENTIAL.** Your name and contact information will be kept separate from the other information you provide. Your survey will be kept in a secure database and only members of the research team will have access to it. We will not report anything about you to anyone else, such as drop-in staff or other agencies (the only time we would provide any information about you is if we are required to do so by law, for example if a child is being harmed, or that you plan to harm someone).

**YOU WILL NOT BE IDENTIFIED IN ANY REPORTS FROM THIS SURVEY.** The responses will be analyzed as a group, not individually. Common themes will be included in the reports to our funder and to the public. The project reports might include interview anonymous quotes or other details from participants in the study. Any information that could identify a specific person will be removed.

**You may download and keep a copy of the consent information for your records. If you have any questions about the research, please contact Research Coordinator Manisha Rampersad at [mrampersad@sistering.org](mailto:mrampersad@sistering.org) or Research Lead Emily Paradis at [e.paradis@utoronto.ca](mailto:e.paradis@utoronto.ca).**