Community-Based Research with Young People Experiencing of Homelessness

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Youth Homelessness in Canada

• Youth make up 18-20% of Canada’s homeless population (Evenson & Barr, 2009)

• LGBTQ2S youth, youth leaving care, indigenous youth, youth of colour, newcomer youth, youth with mental health/physical disability “over-represented but under-served” (Sauvé et al, 2018)

• Drop-out rate significantly higher than national average (up to 90% in some cities) (Liljedahl et al. 2013)
Tracing Institutional Histories of Young People Experiencing Homelessness: Our Approach

• Grounded in D.E. Smith’s Institutional Ethnography and anarchist theory and practice
• Looking at institutional histories
• Participatory
• Youth-led interview structure
• Focus on institutional policy and processes
• Taking time
Our research thus far

• Phase 0.5 (2017)
• Phase 1 (October-December 2018)
• Phase 2 (January-March 2019)
• Phase 3 (April-September 2019)
• Next Steps
By Us (or) For Us? Ethical and Meaningful Community-Based Research With and As Young People with Lived Experience of Homelessness
• Tokenizing $\neq$ meaningful engagement
• Trusting experience as expertise
• Reliable and prompt payment
• Explain the process/Explain why or why not
• Governance/Decision-making
• Mentorship and Networks of Peers
• Solidarity
Next Steps!


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