

LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY GROUP

The City of Toronto is seeking individuals who have lived experience with poverty to join the Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG).

The LEAG is supported by the City of Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy Office.

MEMBER TIME REQUIREMENTS

- Two year term beginning January 2017
- Two day orientation session, January 13th and 14th (full-day)
- Two day training, February 25th and 26th (full-day)
- Monthly meetings (3 hours long, day and time to be determined)
- Attend and/or participate in local community meetings and activities
- Other activities as identified

LAST DAY TO APPLY

Application forms will be accepted until December 3rd, 2016.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PROVIDED

- Two day orientation
- Training and skills development opportunities
- Recognition
- TTC fare, child care and food
- Honorarium \$50/meeting and \$100/full day activities
- Attendant care (upon request)

ELIGIBILITY

All City of Toronto residents

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION



ONLINE

<http://cityoftoronto.fluidsurveys.com/s/LEAGapplication/>



FAX

Attn:

Poverty Reduction Strategy Office
416.392.4976

For more information on the Poverty Reduction Strategy and the Lived Experience Advisory Group please visit www.toronto.ca/toprosperity

Contact: Poverty Reduction Strategy Office | (416) 416.392.3999 | prso@toronto.ca



APPLICATION FORM

In order to ensure this group is diverse and as representative as possible of those living in poverty, as well as those who've been able to overcome it, personal questions will be asked to assist us in creating a short list of applicants to interview. Applications will be treated with respect and kept confidential.

If you are nominating an individual from the community, we kindly ask that you discuss and review the application form with the individual before submitting an application. Personal information should not be provided without the knowledge and consent of the individual being nominated.

Only questions with an * are required.

Select One *

I am applying to be a member of the advisory group.

I am nominating an individual from the community to be a member of the advisory group. The personal information in this application has been provided WITH their knowledge and consent.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

If you are nominating an individual from the community, please provide your name and organization below.

Name _____

Organization _____

Applicant Information

First and Last Name*

Preferred Name

Phone

Email

Postal Code

The main intersection closest to where I live is

On diversity: I identify as an individual whose diversity comes from * (Select all that apply)

- Person with a disability
- Belong to a racialized group
- LGBTQ2S please specify... _____
- Immigrant
- Refugee
- Indigenous
- Member of a religious community
- Youth (16 to 29)
- Adult (30 to 59)
- Senior (60 and above)
- Woman
- Man
- Trans woman
- Trans man
- Genderqueer
- Gender non-conforming
- I prefer not to say
- I prefer to share my experience in my own words:

My income is sourced from (Select all that apply) *

- Ontario Works (OW)
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- Canadian Pension Program (CPP)
- Employment Insurance (EI)
- Part time low-wage work
- Full time low-wage work
- Savings
- Credit card
- Loan
- I have no source of income
- Other, please specify... _____
- I prefer not to say

If you no longer experience poverty, please identify your source of income during the time that you experienced poverty.

My lived experience of poverty is impacted by (Select all that apply) *

- Domestic violence
- Single parenthood
- Inability to have credentials from country of origin recognized
- Mental health and/or addictions
- Lack of high school diploma
- Criminal record
- Injured worker
- Aging
- Physical disability/chronic physical illness
- Difficulty with spoken/written English
- Aging out of care (Children's Aid)
- Homelessness
- Family violence
- I prefer not to say
- Other, please specify... _____
- I prefer to share my experience in my own words:

What has living in poverty taught you?

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

If I were selected to be part of this group, my top three (3) advocacy priorities would be...

(income, decent housing, access to education, skill development and/or employment, access to affordable nutritious food, subsidized daycare, affordable pardons, responsive and enabling services, affordable transportation, stigma and prejudice, other)

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

How many organizations or groups have you volunteered with in the last two years?

- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7+
- I have not volunteered for any organizations or groups

Tell us about one of the organizations or groups that you volunteered for.

Name of the organization or group

What was your role?

What did you learn from the experience?

What was positive or difficult about the experience?

What did you and/or others gain or lose from the experience?

Have you participated in any of the following activities on behalf of yourself or someone you know? (Select all that apply)

| | Yes | No | Unsure |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Advocate for change to a program | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Advocate for change in policy | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Advocate for access to a program | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Advocate for access to a benefit | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

If you answered **YES** to the previous question, tell us about one of these activities.

What action did you take?

How successful were you in achieving the change that you were advocating for?

What did you learn from the experience?

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING AN APPLICATION FORM FOR THE LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY GROUP.

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Give us your feedback on this process. (Optional)

If you would like to receive emails about the Lived Experience Advisory Group and other Poverty Reduction Strategy related activities, please provide us with your email below.

Next Steps

Only short listed applicants will be contacted for an interview in early December 2016. Final decisions on membership will be made by City of Toronto staff from the Poverty Reduction Strategy Office, Shelter Support Housing and Administration and residents from the Toronto Strategy Neighbourhood Strategy Resident Advisory Committee. Selected members will be notified by the end of December.

Notice of Collection

Social Development, Finance & Administration collects personal information on this form under the authority of the City of Toronto Act, S.O. 2006, Chapter 11, Schedule A, s. 136 (c) and the City of Toronto By-law No 1176-2015. The information is used to process your application for the Lived Experience Advisory Group. Questions about this collection can be directed to Social, Policy, Research and Analysis (SPAR), Administrative Assistant, 100 Queen Street West, 14th Floor, East Tower Toronto, ON M5H 2N2, 416-392-3999.