

INFORMATION LETTER

Study Title: Participating in Arts, Sports, and Society (PASS) Among Racialized Newcomer Youth

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Background

You are invited to this research study within the PASS (Participating in Arts, Sports, and Society) project because you are a youth who is or was involved in competitive youth sports in Edmonton. You were also moved outside Canada and moved to Canada, or have parents who moved to Canada. You identify yourself as a member of racialized communities (e.g., South Asian, Chinese, Black, Filipino, Arab, Latin American, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Korean, and Japanese). You can also be parents of such youth; you were born outside Canada and immigrated. Your child participated in competitive youth sports in Edmonton. You identify yourself as part of the racialized communities listed above.

This project is led by the Action for Healthy Communities (AHC). The project is funded by the Canadian Heritage of the Government of Canada. We had your contact information because you gave it AHC when you joined AHC's events before. Or, people we know at AHC shared the study's information with you, and you contacted us. Before you make a decision, one of the researchers will go over this form with you. You are encouraged to ask questions if you feel anything needs to be made clearer. You will be given a copy of this form for your records.

Purpose

The overall purpose of the PASS project is to address barriers that prevent racialized immigrant youth from participating in sports and feeling that they belong to their community. In this research project, we would like to identify barriers that racialized newcomer youth face in their sports participation and to recommend policy changes to eliminate those barriers.

Study Procedures

This project has a few different parts. You are invited to an individual interview with Aisulu. The interview will take 1-1.5 hours. It will be done either online (e.g., Zoom) or in-person based on your preference. In total, we will conduct 10-15 interviews with athlete youth who are racialized newcomers and parents of such youth. Interview questions are about, for example, youth's sport experiences and challenges in their sports. With your consent, we want to audio-record the interview. Interviews will help us create a survey that we will administer with people from sport and cultural community organizations in Edmonton.

Benefits

- You will receive a \$20 gift card for Tim Hortons after your interview. We also hope that our findings will help make sport experiences in Edmonton more inclusive for youth who are racialized newcomers.

Risks

- You might feel stress and discomfort while sharing your experiences of sport-related barriers and racism during your interview. Please know that you can skip any questions if you do not feel comfortable. A list of counselors is also available upon request.

Reimbursement or Remuneration

- You will receive a \$20 Tim Hortons gift card for your time.
- You will be not asked to return the gift card if you decide to withdraw from the study.

Voluntary Participation

- You are under no obligation to participate in this study. The participation is completely voluntary.
- Even if you agree to be in the study, you can change your mind and withdraw from the study at any time within three days after the interview. Please tell Aisulu or Shintaro that you want to withdraw via email, through phone call, or in-person.

Confidentiality & Anonymity

- The study results may be published in outlets, such as research journals, reports, and web posts, and be presented at forums and conferences.
- In such publications and presentations, you will not be identified. We will use participant ID numbers. None of names and other personal information will be used.
- All the data will be kept confidential. Only Shintaro and Aisulu as well as Ms. Sherry Park (Senior Program Manager, AHC) will have access to the data.
- All data will be stored digitally as encrypted files. Data files will be stored in work computers of Aisulu and Shintaro as well as Ms. Park with password locks. These computers will be kept in safe places (e.g., office, home) for at least 5 years after the project is completed and we finish publishing and presenting. Your names and other personal information will be deleted when recordings of interviews are transcribed.
- If you want a copy of a report of the research findings, please contact Shintaro or Aisulu via email or phone as indicated in this letter

Contact Information

If you have any other questions about this study, please contact Shintaro or Aisulu at the contacts listed above.

- The plan for this study has been reviewed by a Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta. If you have questions about your rights or how research should be conducted, you can call (780) 492-2615. This office is independent of the researchers.