

## 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 identified as a member of a sports organization (e.g., manager, administrator, coach) that offer sport services for youth in Edmonton. 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 obtained your contact information through the AHC's existing networks of sport professionals. Or, professionals known to AHC shared this study's information with you, and you contacted us voluntarily. 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 decreasing their sense of belonging in their community. In this research project, we would like to identify barriers that racialized newcomer youth face in their sports participation and to develop recommendations for policymakers to eliminate those barriers.

#### Study Procedures

This project involves multiple components. You are invited to an individual interview with Dr. Abdykadyrova or Sarah Smith – a community connector at AHC. The interview will take 1-1.5 hours. It will be conducted on Zoom or Google Meets, depending on your preference. In this phase, we are planning to conduct 10-15 interviews with representatives from different levels of sport organizations (e.g., local sports clubs, provincial sports organizations). Interview questions are about, for example, your sport organization's characteristics, barriers your organization faces in providing services to racialized communities, and your organization's efforts to address those barriers. With your consent, we would like to audio-record the interview. Findings from interviews will help us develop a survey about the topic which will be administered with a larger group of representatives from sport and cultural community organizations in Edmonton.

#### Benefits

- There are no direct benefits for you or your organization. However, we hope that the study will help identifying barriers to sport participation and integration of racialized immigrant youth and

recommending policies and practices to address those barriers. We hope that these study outcomes will enhance sport experiences and overall life experiences of racialized newcomer youth.

### Risks

- There might be questions which you feel somewhat uncomfortable answering (e.g., demographic characteristics of your organization's leaders). Please know that you can skip any questions if you do not feel comfortable.

### 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 communicate your withdrawal with Dr. Aisulu Abdykadyrova or Dr. Shintaro Kono via email, through phone call, or verbally.

### Confidentiality & Anonymity

- The study results may be used in publications (research articles, reports, web postings) and presentations (forums, conferences).
- In publications and presentations, we will use arbitrary participant ID. We will not use your name, your organization's name, or any other identifiable information.
- All the data will be kept confidential. Only Drs. Shintaro Kono and Aisulu Abdykadyrova as well as Ms. Sherry Park (Senior Program Manager, AHC) will have access to the data.
- All data will be stored electronically in encrypted file formats. Data files will be stored in password-locked work computers of Drs. Abdykadyrova and Kono as well as Ms. Park in key-locked homes or offices for at least 5 years after the research project is completed until there are no further publications or presentations from the project. All data will be de-identified when recordings of interviews are transcribed.
- If you want a copy of a report of the research findings, please contact Drs. Shintaro Kono or Aisulu Abdykadyrova via email or phone as indicated in this letter.

### Contact Information

If you have any further questions regarding this study, please do not hesitate to contact Drs. Shintaro Kono or Aisulu Abdykadyrova 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.