

STORIED MIGRATIONS PROJECT

A STUDY FOR MIGRANT YOUTH WHO
HAD A PARENT COME TO CANADA
AS A TEMPORARY WORKER AND
EXPERIENCED FAMILY SEPARATION

AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THEIR STORIES
THROUGH INTERVIEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

PARTICIPANTS: This is a study for migrant youth (14-24) who had a parent come to Canada first as a temporary worker (including through the Live-in Caregiver Program) and experienced family separation. It includes interviews and focus groups, photography, and hanging out. We may also do some art workshops later on. Lots of research ignores what youth have to say, but this study is about your story and why it matters.

WHAT THE STUDY IS ABOUT: I'm doing this study as part of my PhD in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Simon Fraser University. The project will run for about a year and start in early 2015. What I learn will be part of my dissertation, articles, and presentations. It is also important for the information to be useful to you and the community, so what you share might also be in a community report for people who make policies and programs for newcomer youth. We may also decide to hold an event, exhibit, or another way of sharing your stories depending on what you want to do, show, and say about your life.

WHAT IT INVOLVES: We'll do interviews, photography, and maybe just hang out! I will give you a camera and journal to document things that you'd like to share with me. We'll meet for some interviews (1-2 hours each) and focus groups (2 hours each) at a convenient location. We'll talk about your family life, migration, life in Canada, and what you think could make life better. You can also invite me to stuff you do or we can just hang out. Later on, you can choose if you want to join Phase II, which might include art/media workshops where you make something with your photos. All meeting places will be close to you or near public transit. All supplies and public transportation costs will be covered.

THE RESEARCHER: I'm a third-generation settler Canadian (parts of my family immigrated to Canada three or more generations ago). I've lived on the Coast Salish Territories of Victoria and Vancouver for most of my life and I've been a Youth Worker for six years. This study is inspired by many of the challenges youth expressed to me about moving to and living in Canada. I really want to listen to your stories and better understand what role we can all play in making more inclusive communities.

CONTACT:

If you would like more information, have questions, or are interested in joining the study, please contact me anytime. My name is Jenny Shaw and my contact information is: jeshaw@sfu.ca or 604-360-1667.

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