

Racial Profiling of Visible Minority Youth in Calgary

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Re: Invitation to Focus Group

Dear community member:

I would like to invite you to be part of a Participatory Action Research focus group on racial profiling in Calgary as part of a Master's of Social Work thesis on racial profiling through the University of Calgary. There will be three focus groups which will take place on Thursday, June 9, 2011 from 5:00-7:00pm, Friday, June 10, 2011 from 5:00-7:00pm and Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 11:30-2:00pm. In addition to these focus groups, the participants will be meeting with the Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary (ECCC) following the conclusion of the third focus group on Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 2:00-3:00pm.

You are eligible to participate in the study if you are a member of a visible minority and between 18 and 25 years of age.

In order to gather information for the project, I will be conducting three focus groups and one meeting with the ECCC over the course of a week. Each of the three focus groups will be approximately two hours in length. During these focus groups, we will explore the group's definition of racial profiling and in what ways the participants have encountered racial profiling in Calgary. The final focus group will concentrate on the creation of an action plan which will address racial profiling in Calgary. After the final focus group, we meet with ECCC to present an action plan which they will consider mobilizing.

The information collected from the research study will be used for three purposes: 1) to define racial profiling in Calgary from the perspective of visible minority community members; 2) explore how visible minorities in Calgary experience racial profiling in the recent months and years; and 3) develop recommendations for an action plan.

Snacks and refreshments will also be provided for all three focus groups and at the meeting with ECCC.

If you are interested or want to hear more about the study please contact Kulwant at kulwantneote@yahoo.com or at 403-615-9352.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to collaborating with you.

Kulwant Neote