

# LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY GROUP

Help ensure that the Toronto Poverty Reduction Strategy makes a strong impact.

The City of Toronto is seeking individuals who have lived experience with poverty to join the second cohort of the Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG). Understanding that poverty affects people differently, this is an open call to everyone who can inform the implementation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy based on their firsthand experience with poverty.

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

## MEMBER TIME REQUIREMENTS

- Three year term beginning February 2020 until January 2023
- Two day orientation session, March 2020 (full-day)
- Two day capacity building session, April 2020 (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

## ELIGIBILITY

All City of Toronto residents

## FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION WE WILL PROVIDE

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

## LAST DAY TO APPLY

Application forms will be accepted until November 29<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**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.

For more information on the Poverty Reduction Strategy please visit [www.toronto.ca/povertyreduction](http://www.toronto.ca/povertyreduction)

## NOTICE OF COLLECTION

Social Development, Finance & Administration collects personal information on this form under the legal authority of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, SO 2006, Chapter 11, Schedule A, s 136(c) and the City of Toronto By-Laws No 1176-2015 and 163-2018.

The information is used to process your application for the Lived Experience Advisory Group and for further communication. Questions about this collection can be directed to Administrative Assistant, Social, Policy, Research and Analysis (SPAR), 100 Queen Street West, 14th Floor, East Tower, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2 or by telephone at 416.392.5617.



## APPLICATION FORM

### Nominator

In order to ensure this panel is diverse and as representative as possible of those living in poverty, as well as those who've been able to escape it, we ask personal questions that will assist us in creating a short list of applicants to interview. Your application will be treated with respect and kept confidential. Only questions with an \* are required.

#### \* Select One

- I am nominating myself
- I am nominating an individual in my community to be a member of the advisory group. The personal information in this application has been provided WITH their knowledge and consent.
- I am nominating an individual in my community to be a member of the advisory group. The personal information in this application has been provided WITHOUT their knowledge and consent.

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

Name

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Organization

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These section's must be completed by the person who has agreed to be nominated

#### \* Applicant Information

First and Last Name

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Preferred Name

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Postal Code

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The main intersection closest to where I live is

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#### \* Contact Information

Phone (###-###-####)

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Email (emailaddress@xyz.com)

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#### \* 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/occasional work
- Full time work at minimum wage
- Savings
- Credit card
- Loan
- I have no source of income
- Other, please specify... \_\_\_\_\_
- I prefer not to say

If you are no longer living in poverty, please indicate that here. What was your source of income during the time you lived in poverty?

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#### \* My lived experience of poverty results from (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:

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If you have overcome poverty, please tell us what enabled you leaving it behind, and what you feel those still having difficulty in it need to know/or do. (Suggested word count, 100 words).

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

- Person with a disability
- Belong to a racialize group
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer or Two-sprit
- 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
- Gender non-binary (including gender fluid, genderqueer, androgynous)
- I prefer not to say
- I prefer to share my experience in my own

words:

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\* If applicabale: Please specify which Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer or Two-sprit community you belong to.

- Lesbian
- Gay
- Bisexual
- Two-sprit
- I prefer to share my experience in my own words:

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\* If applicabale: Please specify which Indigenous community you belong to.

- First Nations
- Metis
- Inuit
- I prefer to share my experience in my own words:

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If I were selected to be part of this panel, my top three (3) advocacy priorities would be... please explain (Suggested word count, 100 words).

(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.

Living in poverty has taught me...

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

If you answered **YES** to the previous question, 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 gain or lose from the experience?

Have you participated in any of the following activities in the last two years?

	Yes	No	Unsure
Advocacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Consultation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Organizing	<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 was the purpose of the activity?

What was your role?

What did you learn from the experience?

What was positive or difficult about the experience?

## SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION



**ONLINE**

<http://www.toronto.ca/povertyreduction>



**FAX**

Attn: Poverty Reduction Strategy Office  
416.392.4976

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

**Give us your feedback on this process. (Optional)**

Thank you for your LEAG Application submission! Next Steps Short listed applicants will be contacted for an interview in January 2020. Selected members will be notified in February 2020.  
Contact: Poverty Reduction Strategy Office 416.392.5617 [prso@toronto.ca](mailto:prso@toronto.ca)