Youth Photovoice: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Sessions will be on Zoom: May 1st

May 15th May 15th



This research project is being completed by The Ohio State University in partnership with the City of Columbus.

Contact Dr. Arati Maleku, at maleku.1@osu.edu with questions or concerns.

How will the virtual Photovoice sessions work?

We seek to involve at least 15 participants between 15 to 24 years in three online photovoice sessions conducted via a secure OSU Zoom platform. These sessions will be conducted in English. Participants will have to attend all three virtual sessions.

This project, conducted by the College of Social Work faculty, has received approval from the Ohio State University's Office of Responsible Research Practices (Approval# 2023B0054).

Participants will need to sign a consent form online, with parental consent and participant assent required for those under 18. The three virtual photovoice sessions will include an introduction to the project and ethical picture-taking process, guidelines for taking photos, and a secure virtual group discussion where participants can interpret and explain their images and experiences in their own words.

What is Photovoice?

Photovoice is a participatory research approach that utilizes photography to capture and share the perspectives and experiences of individuals or communities on a specific topic. Our project employs photovoice as a form of visual storytelling to engage young people (ages 15-24) who identify with immigrant, refugee, or migrant families in conversations aimed at fostering a sense of belonging and improving the quality of life in Columbus.

Why is it important for young people from immigrant, refugee, and migrant families to participate in this photovoice project?

Participating in a photovoice project is essential for young people, especially those from immigrant, refugee, and migrant families, as it offers a chance to creatively express themselves, develop critical skills, and empower them to share their stories and influence decision-makers. The experience provides a platform for these young people to share their unique perspectives, which they may not typically have access to.

How will the information gathered from Photovoice be used?

Aggregate information, including visual images and discussions from the photovoice sessions, will be used to inform programs and policies and increase understanding of youth perspectives. Findings will be shared through various channels, including a report to the Columbus City Council, research briefs, community and conference presentations, and peer-reviewed journal articles.

Should I become interested, how do I register?

To register, you can scan the QR code on the flyer, or directly go to: Photo Voice Registration to sign up. You can also register from the website.

Who should I contact if I have questions or need more information?

You can contact the research team at the OSU College of Social Work for more information. Dr. Arati Maleku (Maleku.1@osu.edu) will be leading the photovoice sessions and will be able to answer any questions you might have. You can also visit www.immigrantsmakecolumbus.com for more information on the photovoice sessions and the Immigrants Make Columbus project.