



PRIDE HOUSE SUMMER PROJECT / SUMMER 2002

This survey is being carried out for the Vancouver Pride Care Society, and it is funded by Human Resources Development Canada. Our purpose is to identify the housing and support needs of street-involved “queer youth” in Vancouver, and to raise funds for the establishment of housing and support that meets those needs. If you are a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or trans youth who has experienced street involvement and/or home and housing difficulties, we ask you to assist us by completing this questionnaire.

This is a community-based, participatory research project and only through your input and information can we learn about the experiences and needs of “queer and questioning” youth directly.

The questionnaire takes approximately 20 minutes. All the information you provide will be kept confidential. Your real name will not be recorded and information will be used for the purpose of this research only. If you are willing to have a face to face interview, or if you have other information to share please contact us: Dr. Suzanne de Castell at 604 872 2986 (decaste@sfu.ca), or the Research Leaders, Loree at 604 339 7201 (llawrenc@sfu.ca), and Francisco at 604 339 7581 (ibanezc@sfu.ca).

Thanks for your collaboration.

Part 1 Background

1. How old are you? ____ 2. Sex? ____ 3. race/ethnicity? ____ 4. First language? ____

5. Which of these best describes you? (check one)

Lesbian gay bisexual transsexual transgender
two-spirited queer non-sexual straight Other

6. When you were growing up, what did your parents do for a living? _____

7. Have you spent time in...	How long?	How old were you then?
foster care		
detox (drop in)		
detox (live in)		
a squat		
a shelter		
Psychiatric ward		
Group home		
Prison		
SRO housing		
'the street', i.e. homeless		
Other: specify _____		

8. How was your home life growing up?

_____ (comments?)

9. (How) was your home life influenced by your sexuality?

10. Have you experienced violence from... (check one or more)

parents	family	street	relationship/s	police
Johns	shelter	foster care	school	Other _____

11. Would you describe yourself, on average, as (circle one)

Very happy happy enough depressed

12. Is your health (circle one)

excellent good not good

13. What health problems/issues do you have? _____

14. What prescription drugs do you use? _____

15. What non prescription drugs/alcohol do you use? _____

Part 2 Housing

16. Where do you live right now?

SRO co-op foster care Friend's place With parent/s
 social housing hotel homeless other _____ Shelter

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17. How long have you lived there? _____

18. How do you afford your present housing? (check one or more)

regular job street work family help Friends sell drugs
Illegal activities Student loan prostitution Lover/s Other _____

19. In your everyday life, where do you feel safest and most “at home”?

Part 3: School Life

20. Where did you go to school (town/province) _____

21. What grade did you get to? _____

22. Were you 'out' at school?

23. If yes or partially, who were you out to at school? _____

24. Who gave you support at school? Tick how much... None Some A lot

Teacher/s			
Counselor/s			
Non teaching staff e.g. school secretary			
Principal			
Other students			
Parents			
Brothers/sisters/relatives			
Same age friends			
Adult friends			
lover			
other			
no support			

25. How were your grades at school?

26. What was school like for you?

27. Do you want more education at this point in your life?

28. What kind and why?

Part 4: Economics

29. Roughly, what is your yearly income?

30. What is./are your main income sources? (circle one or more)

Income assistance	Formal work	under the table work	partners or relationships
parents/relatives	street family	independent living allowance	other? _____

31. Is homophobia a barrier to your access or use of services and support, emotional or economic? (comment) _____

Part 5 Services

32. Do you use... Never Sometimes Often Is it gay-positive? Lesbian +? Trans + ?

The GLBT community center						
Community health/medical center (e.g. Three Bridges)						
Family doctor						
Food Aid such as free meals, food banks, soup kitchen (e.g. Street Mom)						
Youth centres and drop-ins (e.g. YAC)						
Aboriginal services						
Immigrant services (e.g. Success, SOS)						
Legal aid						
Bars –dance clubs						
Community services such as the Women’s centre, the Dugout, etc.						
Community centres (e.g. Carnegie, Gathering place)						
Other						

Part 6 Help and Support

23. Do you seek help/support from any of these? (tick one or more)

Friends	relatives	neighbours	social worker	advocate	counselor
street family	elders	support groups	lover	religious	Other _____

34. If none of the above, what do you do in a crisis?

35. Who do you give help/support to? _____

36. What are your main housing needs/problems?

37. What are your main health needs?

38. Where do you hope to be in your life in one year? _____

39. In five years? _____

Part 7: Planning for Pridehouse

40. Circle, on a scale of 1 (no need) to 5 (really need) how important is it to provide safe and supportive housing specifically for queer/questioning youth? 1—2—3—4—5

41. What kind of housing would be of greatest help to you personally? (tick one)

Emergency shelter	Second stage housing	Transitional housing	Long-term housing
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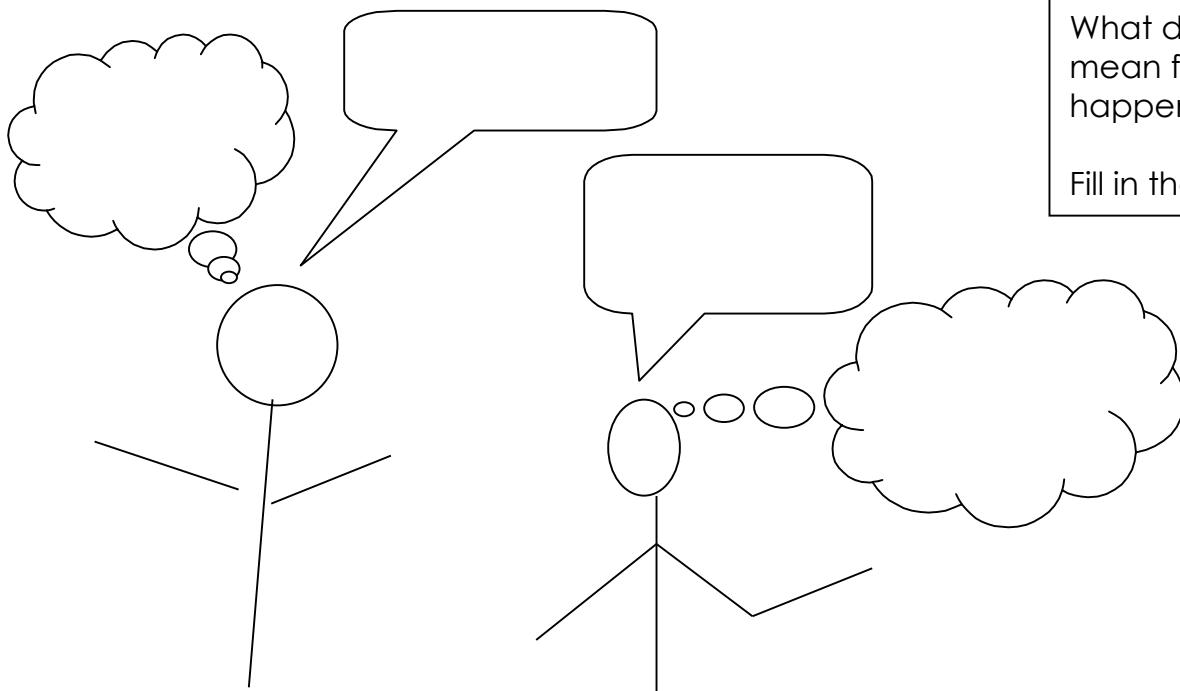
42. In a future Pridehouse, what features would you most want to see? (tick those)

Queer drop in	drug free house	Queer staff	on site nurse	complementary therapies
queer youth rehab	Mixed with regular housing	clothing room	Computers and internet	Employment services
videogames	Books	drop in meals	community kitchen	Other?

43. What educational programs would want to have in a future “Pridehouse”?

44. What social programs would you want in a future Pridehouse?

45. Did you ‘come out’ to your parents or others? Were you ‘outed’? What happened?
Use this sketch to illustrate...



What did coming out mean for you? What happened?

Fill in the bubbles...

RANT PAGE-----Use this space to add, using words or pictures, whatever you think we should know about sexuality, street life and housing...