

Letter to Participants

Greetings,

We are students at The Evergreen State College, working within the “Civic Intelligence Research & Action Laboratory”. As part of our coursework for the program, we are gathering data regarding homelessness at the Evergreen State College. A similar study was conducted by an Evergreen student in 2011, and it is our hope to institutionalize the count of homeless Evergreen students for the purpose of creating an annual ‘TESC Homeless Students Report’; a document which will be used to advocate for the rights of homeless students on campus. The information collected for the report will largely come from a survey of questions distributed and collected via a polling booth in Red Square, as well as online, compiled in an effort to provide an anecdotal review of homelessness at Evergreen.

As a participant in this survey, personal risk to you has been minimized: although your identity may be revealed to those conducting the survey, your identity will not be exposed via information provided on the survey, or to any one else outside our research team. The survey does not request any identifying information such as name or contact information. In-person surveys at our booth in Red Square will be deposited into a box by participants themselves and not handled by our group members between participants and survey submission. Online surveys will be stripped of any identifying data including names, IP addresses, and email addresses. No compensation of any kind will be available for your participation, which is completely voluntary. You may withdraw your participation at any point, or skip any question you do not wish to answer, without penalty.

Participation in the survey and submission of your answers constitutes your agreement to participate and understanding of the risks and other information in our ‘Letter to Participants’ made available at the time of the survey. All data collected for the purpose of our survey will be used only in aggregate with no personally-identifying information. Only aggregate data from the survey will be communicated/published. Communication of this aggregate data will take place through the 2012 Thurston County Homeless Census Report, CIRAL’s (Civic Intelligence Research & Action Laboratory) Home Office, and similar reports such as an annual TESC Homeless Students Report we hope to create. And finally, no personally-identifying information will be communicated to The Evergreen State College. This report will be published online as a resource to future student homeless advocates. We may include your answers in our report, but your identity will be kept confidential as the report will not reveal any personally-identifying information about you.

If you have any questions about this project or your participation in it, you can contact us at CIRAL-vs-Homelessness@lists.riseup.net. The person to contact if you experience any problems as a result of your participation in this project is John McLain, Academic Grants Manager at The Evergreen State College, Library 3821, Olympia, WA 98505; Phone 360.867.6045. Thank you for your participation and assistance.

In solidarity,

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Sanderson, Sally Toussaint, and Jess Weiler.