



Social Development Centre & Lived Expertise Group

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Introduction to us!



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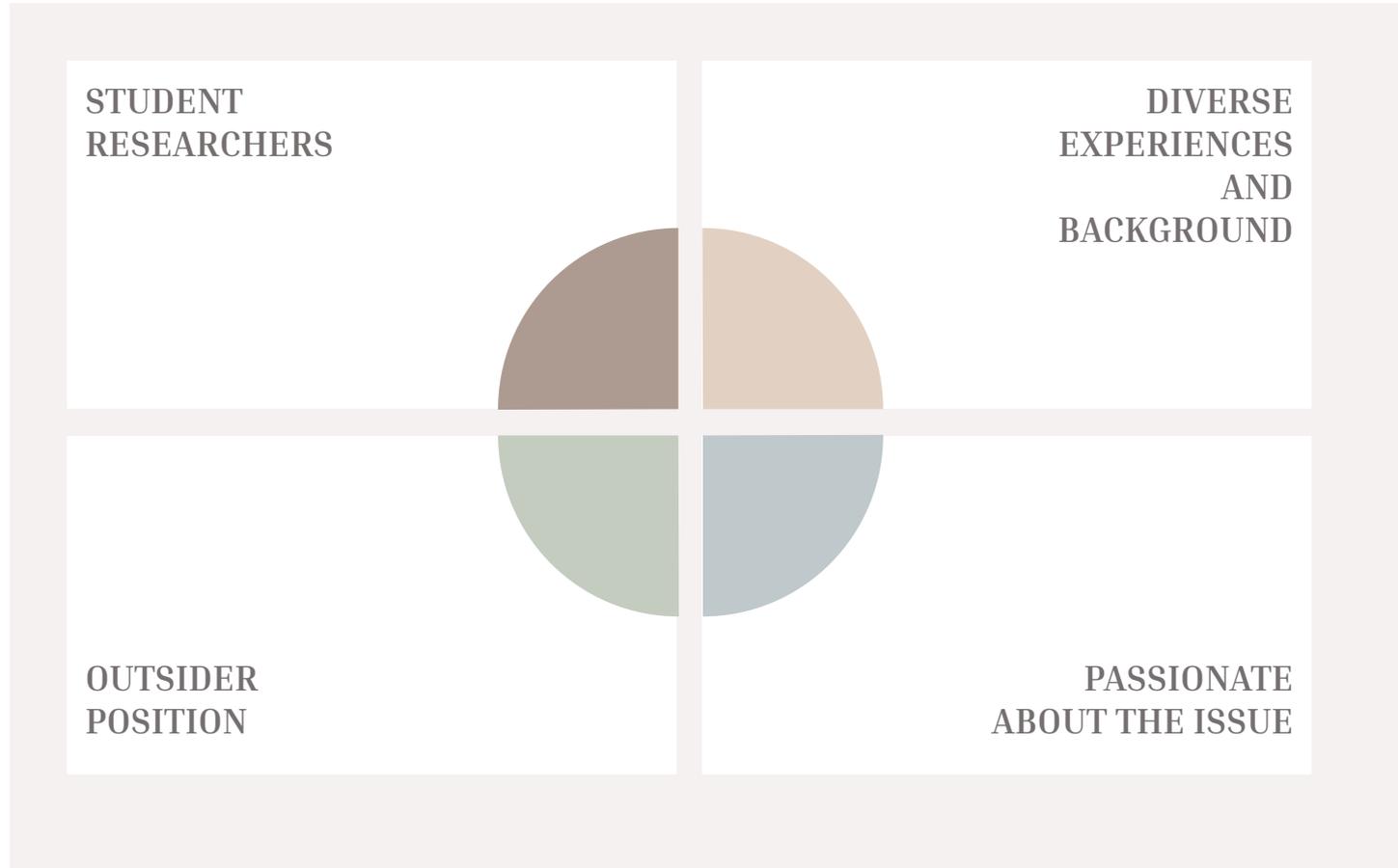


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Positionality



Social Development Centre



Vision

- Fair and equitable access to social, economic and political life for everyone in Waterloo Region.

Goals

- Lived experience information to share their knowledge and participate in decision-making
- Lived expertise voices are heard and incorporated in development and implementation of local strategies especially in the area of housing and income security

Lived Expertise Group



About the Group

Over the next two years the working group will be advising the **City of Kitchener's Housing for All Strategy** to implement and monitor some of the **affordable housing actions** and programs that better address the challenges of people experiencing marginalization.

Priorities

- Advocating for supports to people living in encampments
- Contributing to closer collaboration among different levels of government on housing.

Projects in Progress

- Regional Interim Housing Plan
- Forum on Changes in Public Opinions on Housing
- City of Kitchener Bylaw Enforcement and tent cities
- Research Projects Led by the Group

Housing for All Strategy



Human rights based approach



Lived experience collaboration



Help end homelessness



Affordable Rental and Affordable Ownership



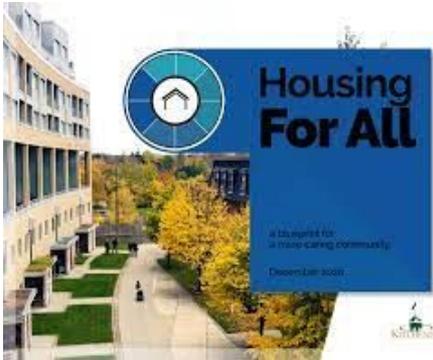
Advocacy



Facilitate More Affordable Housing



Fill data gaps



Literature Review

Photovoice

- Community-based participatory method
- Empowers through advocacy and voice
- Action-based

Gentrification

- “A process of neighborhood change that includes economic change in a historically disinvested neighborhood –by means of real estate investment and new higher-income residents moving in – as well as demographic change – not only in terms of income level, but also in terms of changes in the education level or racial make-up of residents.”

Key Concepts

Displacement

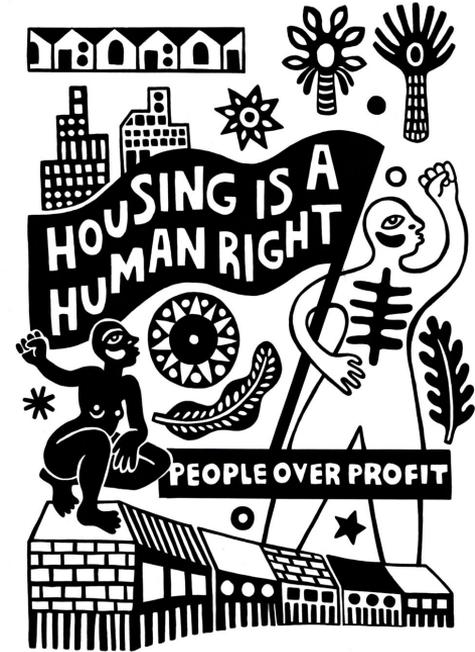
Map of
displacement
in KW region

Thriving vs.
Surviving

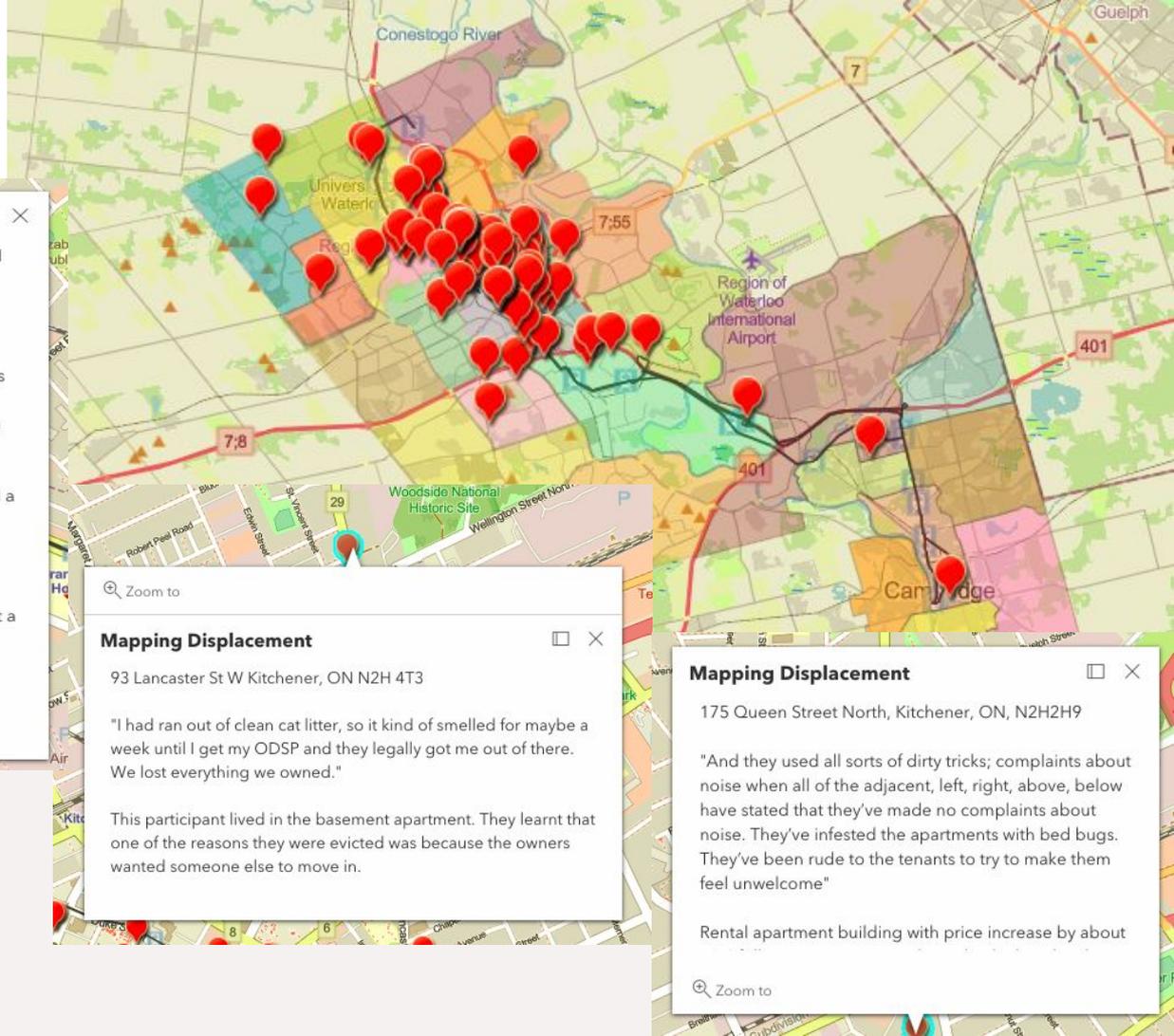
Salad story

Disconnect

1. Step Home
2. Not in my backyard
3. Foster Care



Map of Displacement



Mapping Displacement [Close] [Share]

King Street West and the Green Street, Kitchener, ON

"I'm trying to initiate a homeless memorial for the people that have died on our streets; so I've been doing this for three years now and we've got a committee going and we're in the works with City Arts and Culture, so we've been talking with them and hopefully this year it's going to get erected. I've had a lot of friends and friends of friends that have died on our streets and cities that have had less deaths have memorial monuments already erected and we've had a lot, so it's something the city should be involved in doing too. Well people listening to people that have lived it, having our voices heard. The only way things are going to change, or people are going to see differently, is by hearing people that have lived it. Not a lot of people value our input, right."

Zoom to



Mapping Displacement [Close] [Share]

93 Lancaster St W Kitchener, ON N2H 4T3

"I had ran out of clean cat litter, so it kind of smelled for maybe a week until I get my ODSP and they legally got me out of there. We lost everything we owned."

This participant lived in the basement apartment. They learnt that one of the reasons they were evicted was because the owners wanted someone else to move in.



Mapping Displacement [Close] [Share]

175 Queen Street North, Kitchener, ON, N2H2H9

"And they used all sorts of dirty tricks; complaints about noise when all of the adjacent, left, right, above, below have stated that they've made no complaints about noise. They've infested the apartments with bed bugs. They've been rude to the tenants to try to make them feel unwelcome"

Rental apartment building with price increase by about

Zoom to

Research Questions

- What do people need right now to complete their journeys?
- What are the disconnects between what city officials think people experiencing homelessness need and what people actually need?
- How has displacement directly impacted individuals?



Methodology



Paradigm

Transformative:

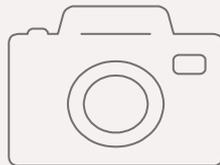
- Multiple fluid realities exist, but some are valued over others based on power
- To create a relationship-based understanding of reality, accounting for context and power
- Promoting social justice and respecting cultural histories and relationships of marginalized communities

Research Design - Qualitative

Arts based methods

- Photovoice - using black and white pictures
- Videovoice
- Writing

Interviews/focus groups/group interview



Methodology



Participants

- City Officials (2-3)
- The Lived Expertise Working Group (3)
- People experiencing homelessness (2-3)

Sampling

- Purposeful and convenient

Analysis

- TBD

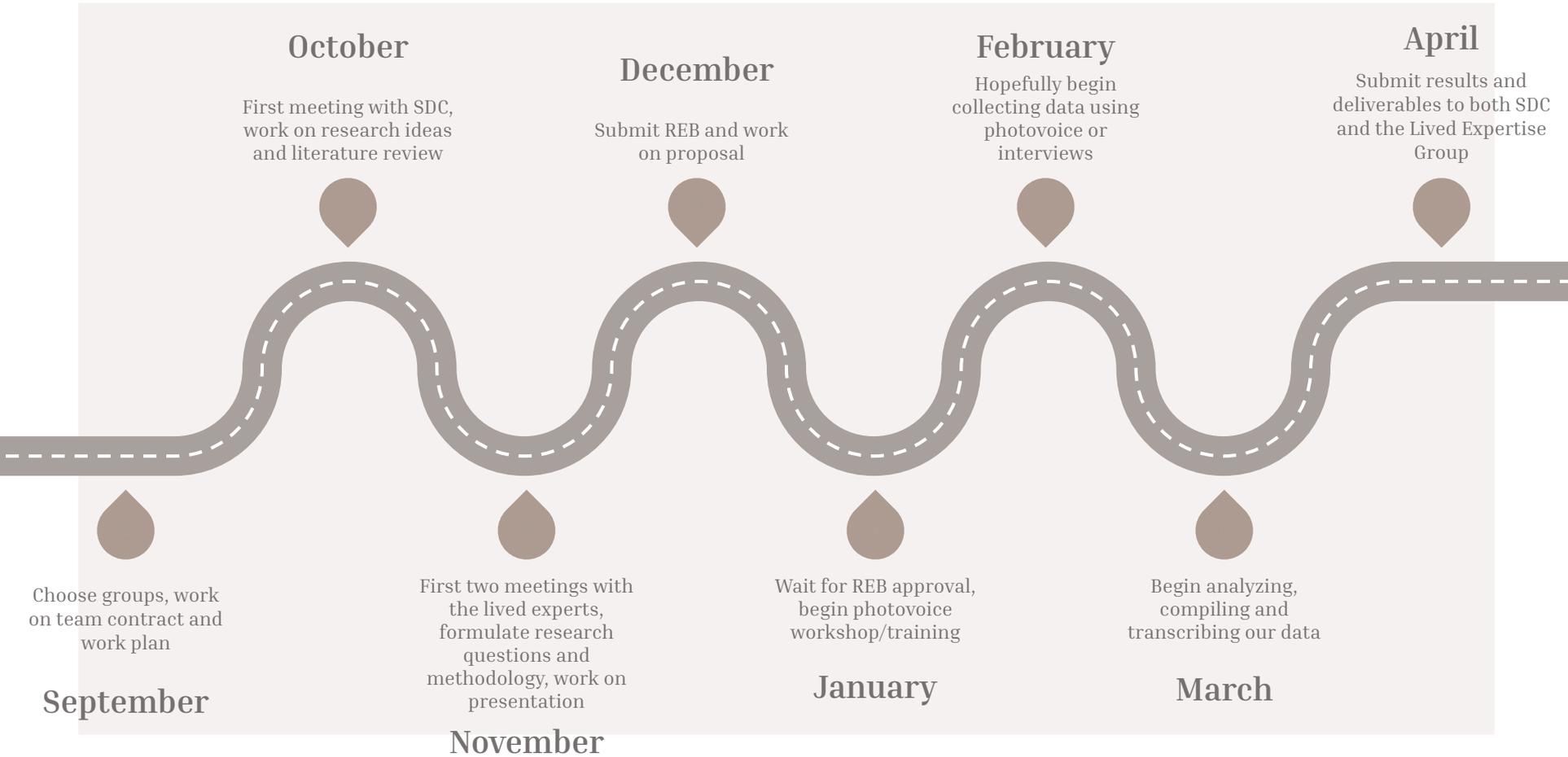
Photovoice Example



Figure 2.

"Ontario, the place where poverty grows."

Timeline



Budget

Time Considerations

- Wait for REB approval: 3-5 weeks
- Equipment rental: 1 week
- Photovoice training workshops: 2-3 weeks (concurrently)
- Research: approx. 1 month
- Interviewing participants: TBD (optional)
- Data analysis: 1 month
- Final deliverables: 3 weeks

Monetary Considerations

- Cost of cameras: \$12-15 each x around 9 participants = \$135
- Cost of getting pictures developed: to be determined
- Cost of transportation: \$3.50 for the bus, or reimburse for gas
- Honoraria: to be determined

Thank you so much for listening to our
presentation!

Any questions about our project or SDC?

