

Trinity College and Center for Leadership and Justice

PhotoVoice on Environmental Justice in Hartford

Consent Form

We invite Greater Hartford adults (18+ only) to participate in a PhotoVoice project as part of a Trinity College research project, in collaboration with the Center for Leadership and Justice, the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance, and the Stowe Center for Literary Activism. The purpose of this PhotoVoice project is to gather visual and narrative perspectives on environmental justice and remediation issues, with a particular focus on the voices of community members most affected by these issues.

If you choose to participate, you will be asked to:

- Attend a PhotoVoice training session of no more than 2 hours, which will include completing a brief survey.
- Take 5+ photographs that represent your views on environmental justice, following ethical photo guidelines provided. (If you include other individuals in your photographs, you will obtain signed consent from them.)
- Share these photos by completing an online form.
- Attend a focus group discussion of no more than 2 hours to share and discuss the photos you and other participants take. Discussions will be recorded (audio/video) and notes will be taken to help identify key themes.

Voluntary Participation:

Participation in this project is entirely voluntary. You may choose not to participate, refuse to answer any questions, or withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. There are no foreseeable risks to participation in this study.

Usage of Photographs and Recordings:

This project is part of a larger effort that will generate temporary public exhibits and a permanent exhibit website. Some photographs you take, along with your reflections and audio recordings, may be used for educational purposes, public exhibits, reports, academic publications, and online platforms, including social media. You will have the option to choose how you are credited or whether you remain anonymous. Photos and associated information not used for the above purposes will be archived in a password-protected format.

Confidentiality and Data Security:

Focus group recordings, survey results, and related data will be securely stored, and only the research team will have access to it, via password protection. Unless you provide consent to be identified, no identifying information will be shared in any reports, exhibits, or publications.

Compensation:

To thank you for your participation, you will receive a \$150 gift card. We will provide \$50 at the first training session and \$100 at the focus group discussion following completion of the photo assignment.

Consent options for the use of your photographs, and for project-related photography:

☐ I give permission for the photographs and narratives I produce to be used in project reports, exhibits, and presentations.

AND

☐ I agree to have my photographs and narratives credited to my name.

☐ I agree to have my photographs and narratives credited using a pseudonym or initials (please list: _____)

☐ I prefer my contributions to remain completely anonymous.

AND

☐ I agree that photographs/video of my participation in this project may be used in exhibits and related communications.

☐ I do **not** authorize photographs/video of my participation in this project.

By signing below, you indicate that you understand the above information and consent to participate in the project as outlined.

Participant's Name: _____

Date: _____

Questions? Contact abigail.williamson@trincoll.edu

Signature: _____

or the Trinity College IRB administrator at
irb@trincoll.edu.