

**For PhotoVoice reach out:**

**Subject Line:** Invitation to Share Your Views: PhotoVoice Project on Environmental Justice

**Dear [Participant's Name],**

My name is Sarah McCoy, and I'm reaching out on behalf of the Center for Leadership and Justice (CLJ) and Trinity College's Environmental Justice Project. We are currently working on a community-centered research initiative titled *Urban Environmental Justice in Greater Hartford*, funded by the Mellon Foundation.

As part of this project, we are documenting the experiences and perspectives of South End Hartford residents, particularly regarding:

1. The impact of the former MIRA (Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority) trash plant.
2. Plans for remediation and broader regional views on trash management and environmental justice.

We would like to invite you to participate in our PhotoVoice project, where you will have the opportunity to visually document your thoughts on trash management and environmental justice through photography.

**Here's what participation would involve:**

- **Training and Photo Assignment:** You'll attend an initial training session (approximately 2 hours), where we will provide guidance on ethical photography, safety considerations, and how to obtain permission when photographing others. You will then be assigned to take photographs that reflect your views on environmental justice and trash management.
- **Group Discussion:** After completing your photo assignment, you will join a follow-up group discussion (approximately 2 hours) where you'll share and analyze your photographs with other participants. The group discussion will be facilitated by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center (HBSC), and the SHOWeD technique will guide the analysis.

Throughout the process, you will have the option to remain anonymous, or your name can be included in the project if you prefer. The photographs and discussions will help amplify your voice and the voices of other Hartford residents in shaping future remediation plans for the MIRA site and advancing environmental justice.

If you're interested in participating or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [insert contact information] or reply to this email. We'd be happy to provide more details or address any concerns you may have.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to share your perspective through photography. Your voice and vision are important to us, and we hope to hear from you soon.

Warm regards,  
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