Intergenerational Links and Community Engagement of Youth from African Communities

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Description

The study will examine the community engagement of Canadian youth of African descent in order to identify factors that enhance or limit youth civic participation and the socio-economic outcomes of this participation. Working closely with a community advisory committee in Windsor, this research will conduct in-depth interviews with 25 African Canadian youth and their parents, and focus group meetings with youth agencies and service providers regarding youth civil engagement. Integration of the findings from this multi-level approach will result in a conceptual framework delineating appropriate strategies to encourage minority youth participation, based on an understanding of the particularities of their individual historical experiences of civic engagement, their community-based interaction patterns, and their experiences of the multiple barriers that limit their access to social and economic opportunities in Canada. To date, very little, if any, research has focused on the local and regional context of the civic engagement of Canadian youth from African communities.

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