

Survey Questionnaire:

I am an undergraduate student at UBC engaged in a technical writing project. The purpose of this survey is to obtain primary data for an analysis and evaluation of factors affecting community engagement and social connectedness among seniors. The aim is to utilize this data to develop a comprehensive guideline that outlines effective strategies to promote and sustain seniors involvement in their communities. The final formal report will be addressed to Vancouver Seniors' Advisory Committee and ultimately Vancouver City Council. The data gathered from this survey will be processed and interpreted to provide recommendations to the listed agencies. The survey is comprised of 15 questions either multiple-choice or short answers and it should take less than 10 minutes of your time. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey and for providing your input.

1. What type of events and programs have you seen occur or advertised in your community recently?
 - a. Community Gardens
 - b. Community BBQ
 - c. Holiday Parties
 - d. Social Gatherings/Neighbourhood House
 - e. Information Workshops

2. Have you participated in any community events/initiatives? Yes/No
 - a. If so which ones?
 - i. Community Gardens
 - ii. Community BBQ
 - iii. Holiday Parties
 - iv. Neighbourhood House/Social Gatherings
 - v. Information Workshops
 - vi. Other _____

3. Are you able to participate in community events and initiatives? Yes/No
 - a. If no, why? (Select all that apply)
 - i. They are none offered/ I don't know about any
 - ii. I was feeling unwell
 - iii. I did not have transportation
 - iv. I could not make it during the specified time
 - v. I don't know anyone there

4. Pick the main factor affecting your involvement in community events and initiatives?
 - i. They are none offered/ I don't know if any are offered
 - ii. I have no interest in the type of programming offered
 - iii. I was feeling unwell
 - iv. I did not have transportation
 - v. I could not make it during the specified time
 - vi. I don't know anyone there

5. Are you satisfied with the types of community events and programs that you have access to? Yes/No
6. Do you enjoy interactions with your neighbours or community members? Yes/No
7. Do you feel safe in your community? Yes/No
8. Can you rely on your neighbours for help during an emergency? Yes/No
9. Do your relationships with your fellow community members affect your involvement in community events and initiatives? Yes/No
 - a. If so how?
 - i. Motivates me to get involved
 - ii. Discourages me to get involved

10. Are you satisfied with the type and quality of events offered in your community? Yes/No
11. Are you satisfied with your involvement in your community? Yes/No
12. After participating in initiatives organized in your community are you more inclined to volunteer in any future community events? Yes/No;
 - a. If yes how?
 - i. I am happy with my current level of involvement
 - ii. Attend more events
 - iii. Become part of a recreation club that meets weekly
 - iv. Volunteer on a committee
13. Are there any specific health related needs and conditions that affect your involvement in community events and initiatives? Yes/No
 - a. If so what are they? _____
14. What type of events would you like to see implemented in your community? _____
15. How do you find out about current events and programs occurring in your community?
 - a. Community newsletters (email)
 - b. Community Newsletter (mail/flyers)
 - c. Community poster boards
 - d. Social Media
 - e. Community Centers
 - f. Door-to-door promotions
 - g. Other: _____