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ACTIVITY

Peer Research Team Meeting #88

AUTHOR

CAMILA ODA

DATE

June 26, 2025

THE REASON WHY

**HAVE
FUN!**

HOW WE DID IT

We had a picnic outside, had some snacks and coffee, painted some bird houses, and had delicious pizza

WHAT WE LEARNED

We had fun!

THE TEAM

Heather, Freda, Lisa, Nikki, Joel, Robert, Kyda, Zipporah, Angela, Camilo, Mariana, Maria, Maya, and Camila

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Peer Research Team Meeting #86

AUTHOR

CAMILA ODA

DATE

May 29, 2025

THE REASON WHY

Learn tips for writing a CV for CIHR grant application as a Collaborator or Knowledge User. Update bios and pictures for website.

HOW WE DID IT

Camila delivered a presentation on CIHR CV writing, with guidelines and examples. Then, we worked on developing our CVs. We wrote new bios and took new photos.

WHAT WE LEARNED

We learned how to write a strong CV for CIHR grant applications, and how our lived experiences can contribute to the grant project.

THE TEAM

Freda, Lisa, Nikki, Rebecca, Joel, Marj, Itay, Camila, Heather, Kyda, Camilo,

THE EXPERIENCE

“I liked learning how to tell my story with the funding application”

“I’m learning more writing skills”

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Peer Research Team Meeting #85

AUTHOR ROTEM KEYNAN

DATE May 15, 2025

THE REASON WHY

learn about CIHR and the grant, create CIHR pin and work on grant application as Collaborator or Knowledge user

HOW WE DID IT

Vanessa presented on CIHR and held a Q+A and then everyone worked to create a CIHR pin and begin their individual application

WHAT WE LEARNED

we learnt about the CIHR grant and the opportunity to be engaged in the grant project and strengthen our experience

THE TEAM

Freda, Lisa, Nikki, Rebecca, Melissa, Bianca, Joel, Marj, Vanessa, Itay, Camila, Rotem, Heather, Kyda, Nadia, Robert

THE EXPERIENCE

“I learnt how to create a CIHR pin and use my personal experiences to write a CV for the application”

“I liked learning about the grant and ways to get involved”

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Peer Research Team Meeting #84

AUTHOR ROTEM KEYNAN

DATE April 17, 2025

THE REASON WHY

discuss our outreach and provide feedback on what we liked and ideas for upcoming outreach activities

HOW WE DID IT

open discussion, taking turns and listening to different perspectives

WHAT WE LEARNED

as a group activity in the meeting we all learned to play sudoku which was a great team building exercise and taught problem solving

THE TEAM

Marj, Freda, Rebecca, Robert, Nikki, Nadia, Kyda, Lisa, Jacqueline, Melissa, Susie, Heather, Maria, Rotem

THE EXPERIENCE

"I liked learning about a new game and the group working together"

"I liked the discussion about outreach and what we did well and how we can continue to do good work"

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Peer Research Team Meeting #83

AUTHOR ROTEM KEYNAN

DATE March 20, 2025

THE REASON WHY

Outreach
Activity

HOW WE DID IT

Followed the route we created as a team and worked together to deliver food, harm reduction supplies, clothing and hygiene kits

WHAT WE LEARNED

That we are a strong team and the work we do is important and makes a real impact

THE TEAM

Lisa, Nikki, Joel, Will, Maria, Angela, Liliana, Rob, Zipporah, Ryan, Rebecca, Marj, Nadia, Jacqueline, Heather, Vanessa, Maya, Rotem, Maria, Camilo, Adi, Zulma, Clara

THE EXPERIENCE

“Being someone who was previously in similar shoes, I am so happy to be able to give back and support. I love these outreaches so much and already am looking forward to our next one.”



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Peer Research Team Meeting #82

AUTHOR ROTEM KEYNAN

DATE March 20, 2025

THE REASON WHY

Plan our route and go over last minute important details for our outreach activity

HOW WE DID IT

collaborated on the route we want to take by looking at the map and trying to select a path that will support groups of people in need

WHAT WE LEARNED

the thought process of what goes in to determining a suitable route for outreach activities

THE TEAM

Lisa, Jacqueline, Clara, Marj, Joel, Freda, Kyda, Nikki, Zulma, Rotem, Maria, Angela, Zipporah, Heather

THE EXPERIENCE

DID YOU KNOW? we start many of our meetings with icebreakers - today our icebreaker was "If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?"

some of the answers included:
teleportation, knowledge, healing,
understanding every language, time
travel

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Peer Research Team Meeting #81

AUTHOR ROTEM KEYNAN

DATE March 6, 2025

THE REASON WHY

Go over donation letter to send out for upcoming outreach event and begin discussion of research project and surveys

HOW WE DID IT

Reviewed letter and survey together and discussed what needs to be revised

WHAT WE LEARNED

the scope of resources we have available is vast for harm reduction

THE TEAM

Marj, Jacqueline, Lisa, Rebecca, Melissa, Joel, Will, Maria, Camila, Dr. Rueda, Heather, Zipporah, Nadia, Maya, Rotem, Kyda, Freda, Nikki, Robert

THE EXPERIENCE

“I like the pace of the meeting because it gives me space to brainstorm”

“I like using our voices and contributing to conversation”

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Manitoba PEER-LOVE: HIV, Infections & Drug Use Working Group!

AUTHOR ROTEM KEYNAN

DATE February 11, 2025

THE REASON WHY

Establish the Manitoba PEER-LOVE Working Group

HOW WE DID IT

Brainstormed and listed top priorities, listened to one another in a safe space, learned from lived experiences of others and defined how we want to work

WHAT WE LEARNED

the challenges and experiences of participants barriers to HIV care in Manitoba and great ideas to work together

THE TEAM

Manitoba Harm Reduction Network,
AllTogether4IDEAS, Gilead

THE EXPERIENCE



"I liked meeting new people"



"I liked hearing everyone's insights and informative ideas"

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ACTIVITY Peer Research Team Meeting #80

AUTHOR ROTEM KEYNAN

DATE February 6, 2025

THE REASON WHY

First meeting back since the break! To discuss some housekeeping items and go over terms of reference

HOW WE DID IT

went through page by page and provided feedback and input when and where necessary in a collaborative way

WHAT WE LEARNED

Why it is important to review our terms of reference annually

THE TEAM

Robert, Rebecca, Marj, Clara, Kyda, Joel, Freda, Nikki, Rotem, Zipporah, Mariana, Heather, Dr. Zulma Rueda

THE EXPERIENCE

"I loved being back and seeing my friends"

"I wish we had more time, I love these meetings"