



Youth Action Brief

To better support youth in preventing homelessness, we designed a plan, a “roadmap,” to build and use information across Canada. Our goal is to connect governments, communities, and researchers to information to support prevention. See more on the roadmap on our [website](#).

Find immediate actions youth can take below.

Who can help?

Youth with lived or living experience of homelessness.

What to do!

Provide youth a voice. Allow youth to help develop prevention solutions, and support a shift to youth-centred data for prevention.

Actions you can take!

- 1. Provide feedback on how to better engage youth around youth homelessness prevention.*
- 2. Provide your voice, when possible, on youth homelessness prevention research and solutions. Ask for fair funding for your time. Partner on initiatives, if you have the time. Do not feel pressure to overcommit.*
- 3. Engage with community organizations and researchers to develop solutions that work for you based on what they learned about prevention. Make sure they address your stories and experiences in the solutions.*

Actions you can take! (continued)

4. Support developing more ethical data collection to inform prevention, such as how to:

- Ask for informed consent*
- Collect data in a way that makes sense to you*
- Gather information you are comfortable sharing in each situation*

5. Let organizations know when they are making you uncomfortable with what they ask or how they ask it. This helps them improve.



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