

Recruitment Call for NL Educators: Seeking Educator Perspectives on Teaching Substance Use Education in the Classroom and the DECYDE Strategy

Dear Educator,

You are invited to participate in a research study exploring educator perspectives toward teaching substance use education in the classroom and the **DECYDE (Drug Education Centred on Youth Decision Empowerment) strategy**. This study is being conducted by researchers at Memorial University.

The purpose of this study is to explore teacher perspectives on the DECYDE professional learning and lesson plans/materials, and the approach for delivering harm reduction substance use education. Our materials can be found at www.DECYDE.ca. These findings will be used to modify the DECYDE materials and professional learning, enabling us to expand this approach to substance use education with others.

You can participate in this study if you:

1. You are a teacher in grades 4, 5, or 7 in NL.
2. You are willing to share your perspectives on DECYDE and substance use education.
3. You are available on Feb 21 and Feb 22 from 3:30-5pm

If you agree to participate, we will ask you to participate in the following:

- 1) **Attend a 3-hour online professional learning workshop.**
 - a. This will be held over 2 days on Wed, Feb 21st from 3:30-5pm AND Thurs, Feb 22nd from 3:30-5pm.
 - b. Following attendance at both sessions, participants will be asked to complete a 10-minute survey. The survey will be anonymous. You will not be asked any identifying information and your responses will not be linked to you. You will be asked some demographic questions.
 - c. Upon completion of the survey, you will be promoted to enter your contact information to receive a \$150 Amazon gift card.
- 2) **Review the DECYDE materials and lesson plans for use with students.**
 - a. Share your opinions about the DECYDE materials and lesson plans in a 1-hour interview.
 - b. The interview will be conducted over Zoom or in-person and will be recorded. You will also be sent a demographic survey in advance. All your responses will remain confidential, and you may skip any questions that you do not wish to answer.
 - c. Participants will be provided with a \$100 Amazon gift card for participating in the interview.

If you are interested in participating, please contact decyde@mun.ca to register. Participation in this study is completely voluntary and is not required by your employer or the organization who has circulated this email on our behalf.

Thank you for your time,

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Ethics review: The proposal for this research has been reviewed by the Interdisciplinary Committee on Ethics in Human Research and found to be in compliance with Memorial University's ethics policy. If you have ethical concerns about the research, such as the way you have been treated or your rights as a participant, you may contact the Chairperson of the ICEHR at icehr@mun.ca or by telephone at 709-864-2861.