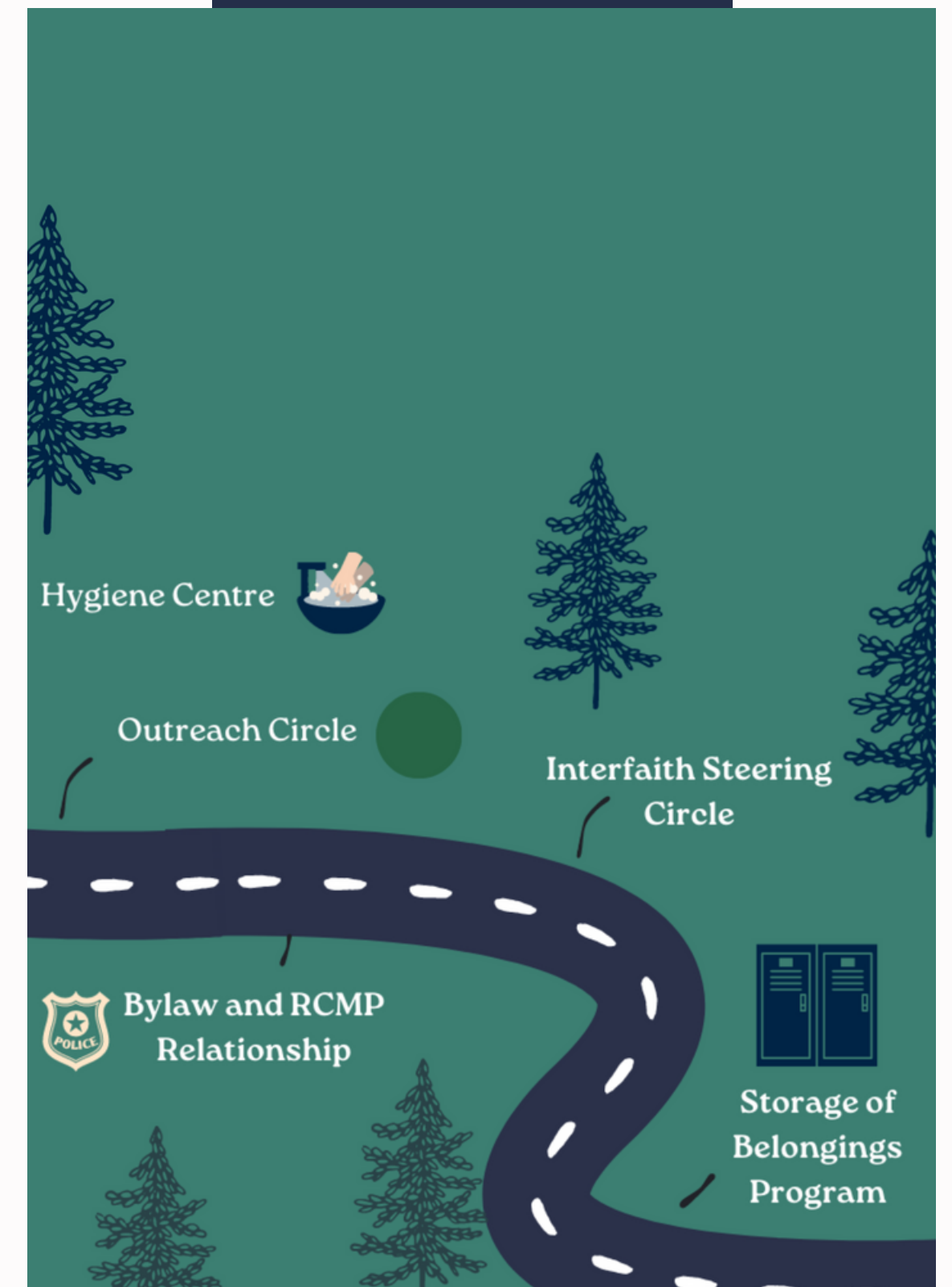


WOW, WE GOT THAT ONE!

LECoH, a Lived-Experience-led initiative participating in grassroots advocacy that your community can model to accelerate ending homelessness

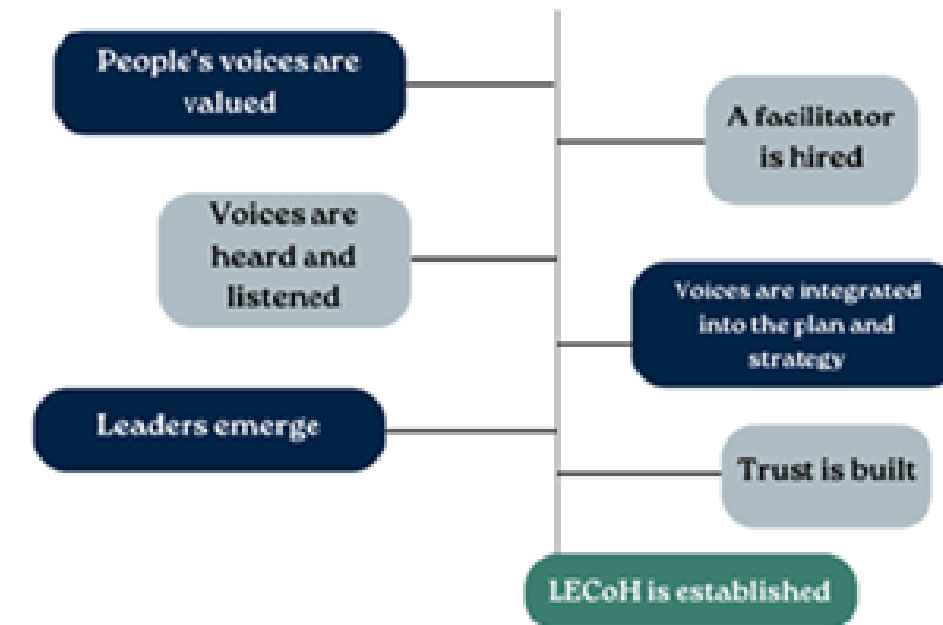
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LECOH'S IMPACT

"IT'S HARD TO FIND PEOPLE WILLING TO TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE EMBARRASSED, THEY DON'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING (...) BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF STIGMA."

From contributing to a City-wide strategy to developing a Lived Experience structure



Represent the voices of Lived and Living Experience.



Communicate the value of these voices to service providers.

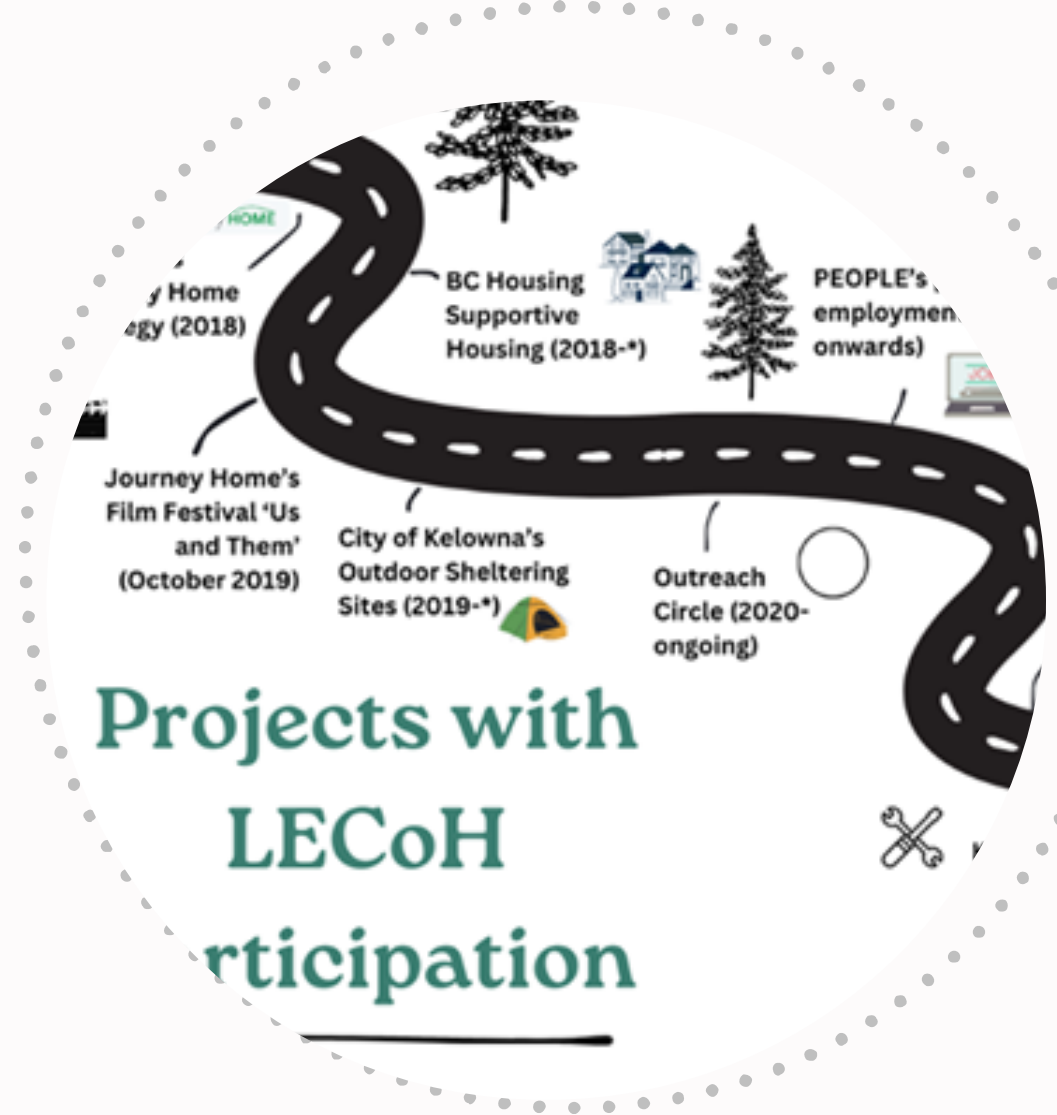
Break down stigma between housed and unhoused.



RESEARCH ORIGINS & DESIGN

Phase One

- Pilot semi-structured interviews with members of the Journey Home Task Force, adjusting questions as needed,
- $n = 10$ key sector contacts interviews,
- Transcription and interpretative phenomenological analysis,
- Focus group with LECoH representatives



Phase Two

- $n = 6$ members / alumni of LECoH interviews
- Transcription and interpretative phenomenological analysis,
- Focus group with LECoH representatives



CHALLENGES

Perspective of LECoH



Administrative challenges

Having to “take the flack” in the community

Power dynamics between LECoH and service providers

Intricacies of adapting to different cultures

COVID-19 impacts

Perspective of Service Providers



Purpose and role of LECoH

LECoH’S influence inflated/over-valued

Recruitment difficulties

Contentious representation

Continued siloing

STRENGTHS

Perspective of LECoH

Perspective of Service Providers

Group cohesion

Learning together

Membership consistency

Supportive partnerships

Networked connections and openness



ACHIEVEMENTS

Raise awareness

Understand homelessness better than anyone.

Educate

Connected to Living Experience realities and needs.

Guide

Service design, implementation and improvements.

Provide feedback

A real-time feedback loop.

Humanize homelessness

Reduce stigma and stereotypes.

Build bridges

Between people with diverse perspectives.

Depersonalize homelessness

See beyond the person folks struggle to relate to.

Change mindsets

Challenge and deepen understanding.

FUTURE GOALS

01

Increased political will to address the issues of extreme poverty and mental health challenges experienced by those without homes

02

Service providers and stakeholders increasing their awareness and understanding of street culture - include content about LECoH's role & mandate in training materials and onboarding processes

03

Additional capacity for longstanding LECoH members to mentor and partner with new members

04

Increased public acknowledgement for the efforts of LECoH, especially in the media

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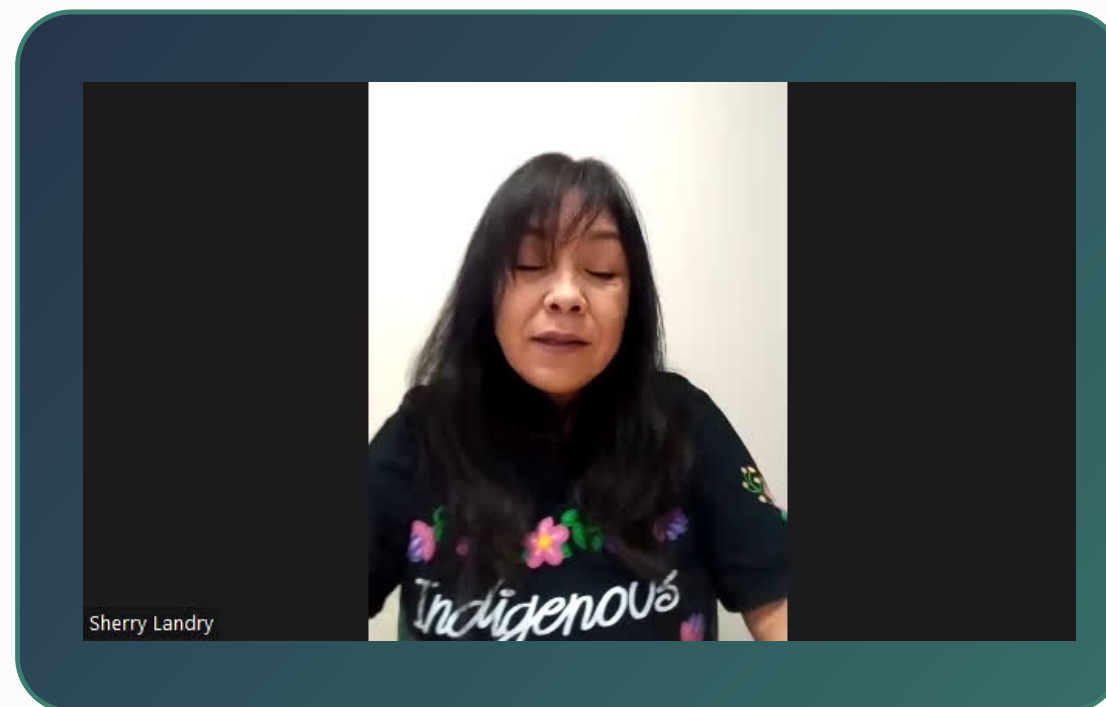
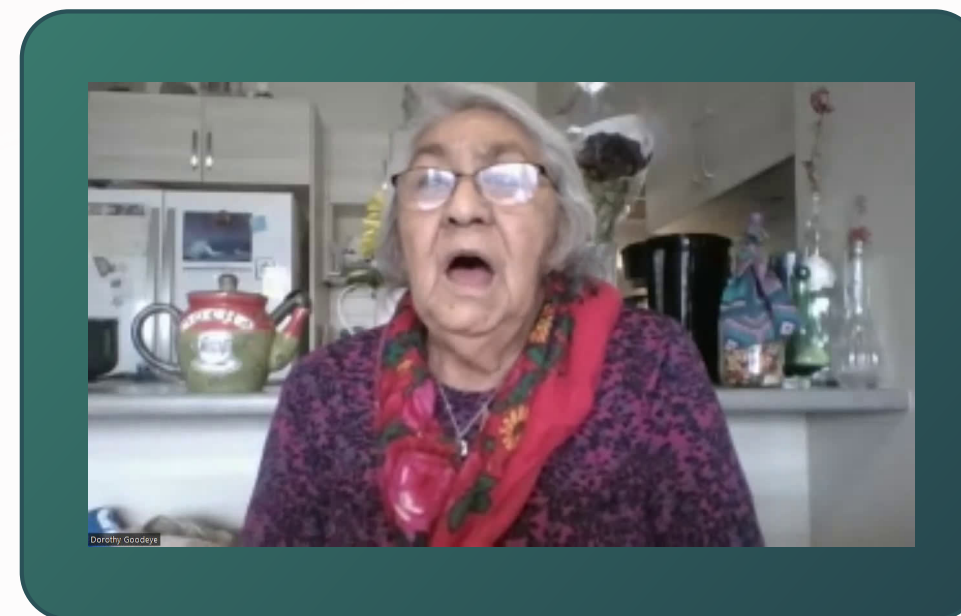
Increased representation of people with living experience of homelessness - a task which requires greater capacity and time investment from current LECoH members

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Support in addressing the challenges identified and summarized in the Impact of Lived Experience on the Homelessness Sector Community Report



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