Innovations for Community Resilience, Equity, and Advocacy (I-CREAte)
Community Researcher Role

Number of positions: 5
Length of position: 1-3 years (project depending)
Location: Kingston region (applicants must live in the Kingston and surrounding region)

Would you like to share your lived experience voice to community research projects to help improve the health and wellbeing of people and families in the Kingston region?

I-CREAte, is a community-based research team at Queen's University. Community-based research is research that is meaningful for the local community – it is designed and led by community and local organizations. I-CREAte is made up of researchers at Queen's University, community researchers, and is supported by Queen's University staff and students. The I-CREAte team has worked on projects about how families show resilience during hard times and is currently working on a project about Indigenous health and social service navigation.

I-CREAte is recruiting community members who are interested in learning about, and actively participating in, research projects as a 'Community Researcher'.

Community Researchers do not need any research experience. Community researchers are provided with training needed to participate equally on the I-CREAte team. The research team will work together to make sure that everyone is able to fully participate, that everyone understands what is going on, and that everyone's ideas are heard.

To learn more about what a community researcher is, please watch our video:

As a Community Researcher you would be committing to:

- Attending 60-minute meetings every 2 weeks
- Be willing to learn about community-based research (what is research and how to do it)
- Sharing your lived experience to help the team design projects that will be impactful for community (I.e., what questions to ask and what to do with the answers)
- Communicating by email and/or phone, as needed on various aspects of projects
- Participating until the end of a particular project, and ideally as a core member of the I-CREAte team helping to identify future projects and overall direction of the group.

As a Research Team, we are committing to:

- Paying you for your time at a rate of $20.60/hr (expected time commitment is 6 hours monthly + time on any project you join)
- Reimbursing childcare and/or transportation costs, as needed

If you are interested in becoming a community researcher, email icreate@queensu.ca

Thank you for considering joining the I-CREAte team!