DESIGN A COMMUNITY GARDEN IN CHINATOWN

and create a shared future for the neighbourhoood together!

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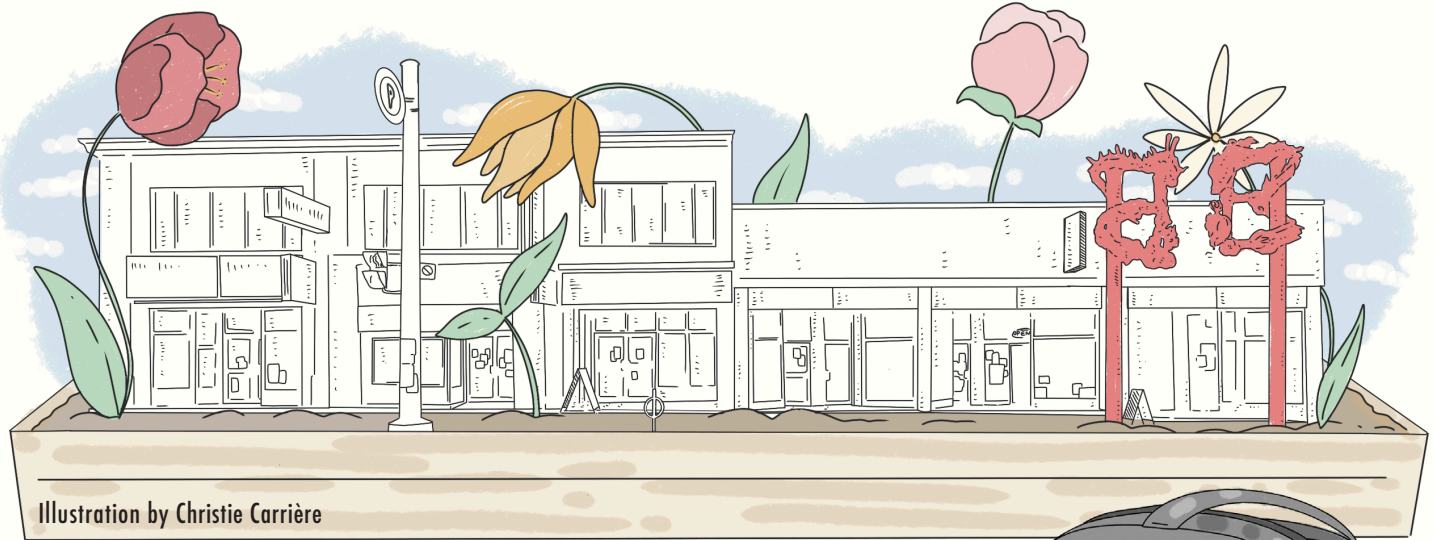
WHAT WILL WE BE DOING?

We'll meet once every 2 weeks to:
- Talk about a future of Chinatown that works for locals
- Learn how to use virtual reality to create new visions for different parts of Chinatown
- Work together to redesign and add to a community garden in Chinatown

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

- Meet and connect with others from the community who care about Chinatown and its future
- Learn the history of Chinatown from other members of the community and share your own memories and stories
- Learn new skills to use Virtual Reality (VR) to co-design community spaces
- Be part of a team that designs a part of the community garden in Chinatown!
- Become part of a community group that can work together in the future to support locals and solve issues of concern in the area

HOW MUCH WILL YOU BE PAID?

You will be paid $20/hour

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU NEED TO COMMIT?

Join at least six out of ten interactive sessions from January 2022 to June 2022. Each session is 2.5 hours long

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If you have access to a computer or smartphone,
please visit this link to answer a few questions about yourself:
[https://tinyurl.com/9azsubhf]

If you do not have access to a computer or smartphone,
please call this number and leave your name and phone number for a call-back:
+1 (647) 498-3571

MORE INFO:

A group of Chinatown community organizations and X University* Toronto researchers are working together to bring the local community together to come up with new visions for the future for Chinatown – and we would love for you to join us! This project will promote community resilience, reduce stress and stigma, and support the affected groups in Chinatown during COVID-19 pandemic recovery as well as ongoing displacement by using VR co-creation and architectural design.

WHO CAN JOIN?

If you:
- Consider yourself a member of the Chinatown community and/or someone who cares about Chinatown and its future
- Are 18 years old or above
- Live, stay, work or study in the Greater Toronto Area
- Can speak at least one of four languages: Cantonese, English, Mandarin or Vietnamese
- Can commit to participating in a minimum of six out of ten 2.5 hour sessions over six months
- Can join as an individual – cannot be representing an institution or organization

INVESTIGATORS:

This project is led by Prof. Linda Zhang, X University* PARA Lab (Periphery Architecture and Research in Affect Lab) and collaborators from PROTECH (Pandemic Rapid-response Optimization To Enhance Community-resilience and Health):
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If you would like to find out more about the research including study findings or if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:

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This study was reviewed and approved by the X University Ethics Board (REB 2021-288). If you have questions regarding your rights as a participant in this study, you may contact the X University Research Ethics Board for information at 416-979-5000 Ext. 4791; or via email: rebchair@ryerson.ca

This study has also been reviewed and approved by PARA Lab, PROTECH, Cecil Community Centre and Myseum of Toronto.

*The university formerly known as "Ryerson University" is currently undergoing a renaming process following the recommendations of the Standing Strong (Mash Koh Wee Kah Pooh Win) Task Force. For more information please visit: https://www.ryerson.ca/standing-strong-task-force