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## **Letter of Invitation to a Participatory Experiment**

Hello neighbours,

My name is Mushtari Afroz and I have been a resident of Abbey Road neighbourhood since 2010. In my profession, I am a dancer and choreographer and have been practising within Toronto's dance scene since mid-2000. Currently, I am a graduate student at Fine and Performing Arts department of Fontys University in the Netherlands where I am conducting artistic research in public spaces. The research is aimed at establishing deeper sensory and embodied engagement of residents with their neighbourhood public spaces. Today, I am reaching out to you to invite you to take part in my artistic research experiment.

In my research, I am developing a series of simple movement tools through my choreographic thinking in order to engage the residents with the sights and sounds of their neighbourhood public spaces in ways that are not part of their everyday experience. As a participant and a resident of this neighbourhood, you will be testing these tools within public spaces of this neighbourhood and share with me your valuable first-hand experience from your own perspective.

The experiment will be done on a one-on-one basis and will take about 1.5 hours including the feedback. A detailed agenda for the activities will be discussed upon your agreement to take part in the experiment. Please note that there is no compensation for participating in this experiment. However, your participation will be a valuable addition to my research and findings could lead to greater public understanding of the importance of engaging with our neighbourhood public spaces.

If you are willing to participate, please suggest a day and time for March 2023 and I will do my best to be available.

If you have any further question, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact details are provided below.

Thank you.

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