Hello everyone,

We are Judy Redmond and Brian Everton, from a design firm called Design For All in Winnipeg Manitoba. We are working along with the Council of Canadians with Disabilities on a research project to inform accessibility standards for heritage buildings under Federal jurisdiction in Canada. To ensure inclusivity in our approach to this research, we want to work with people who experience barriers to assist us in working through various ideas to improve the accessibility of heritage buildings.

We are looking for people willing to assist in providing a cross Canadian: cross disability perspective. We will cap the participation at 15 people, and would choose the participants based on their geographic location so we can hear various views. A working knowledge of building code is not required but interest in preventing or removing barriers in the built environment specific to heritage facilities would be an asset.

The established working group would meet 3 times online using Zoom. The first of these meetings would occur Sept. 27 2022 and would be scheduled for 2 hours. We are able to pay a stipend for your participation of $100.00 per meeting. A very few further meetings may be required during the winter months of 2023.

A response to design4all2@shaw.ca or call 204-981-3410 to register your interest by Sept. 15, 2022 would be appreciated. In your response, please tell us a little bit about why you have an interest in participating in this working group. Questions are always welcomed. We will make every attempt to provide accommodations such as ASL or captioning that may be necessary in order to ensure your full participation upon request. We will get back to you by Sept. 20, 2022 with further details and to confirm your participation.

Many thanks and we look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Judy Redmond

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Brian Everton