

## **Style Guide for Parity Submissions**

### **What is the theme of this edition of Parity and how does my article have to relate to it?**

This edition of Parity is focused on youth homelessness prevention and sustained exits from youth homelessness. The goal of the edition is to:

- Showcase the perspectives of researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and lived experience experts that are directly or indirectly involved in youth homelessness prevention
- Highlight work that addresses prevention research, interventions, and policies for Indigenous, LGBTQ2S+, racialized, parenting, newcomer, and rural youth, as well as young women, and youth with mental health needs.
- Provide an opportunity to showcase a wide range of perspectives on the growing body of work in /youth homelessness prevention and sustained exits/ in Canada and abroad
- To raise awareness of youth homelessness planning, policy, and practice to bring communities, provinces/territories, and the country closer to creating a system of care that prevents homelessness, and promotes rapid, sustainable exits from homelessness.

Your article *does not have to address all of the above mentioned goals*, but **should have clear links to the theme of preventing and sustaining exits from youth homelessness**. For further reference and to help determine how your article connects to the theme, [The Roadmap for the Prevention of Youth Homelessness](#) will be a helpful resource and framework for you.

If you are unclear about the theme or would like to discuss how your piece connects to the theme, feel free to reach out to Amanda Buchnea at [abuchnea@awayhome.ca](mailto:abuchnea@awayhome.ca).

### **How long can my written submission be?**

Written contributions can be **up to 1,600 words for a double page spread** in *Parity*. **Single page articles can be up to 800 words** in length. Contributions of a greater length should be discussed with Amanda Buchnea ([abuchnea@awayhome.ca](mailto:abuchnea@awayhome.ca)).

### **Can I embed links in my submission?**

Contributors may make suggestions about the inclusion and placement of relevant links to webpages, videos, and other multimedia within their contribution. These would appear in the online edition of Parity. Any suggested links will be reviewed and decided upon by the editing team.

### **Do I need to include references?**

Yes! You should include references for anything you cite in your article, but due to space constraints, your bibliography should NOT include references to works that are NOT cited in your article. For your article, we will create a reference list at the end of the document which gives each in-text citation a number in order of appearance. **For your draft, please just be sure to flag your in-text citations using comments or in brackets.**

If you would like to use a consistent format in your draft to create a reference list, you may use APA format ([see here for APA format examples](#)), however, **we will assist you with creating reference lists in the editing process. In your draft, please provide at least (where applicable):**

- the author(s) name,
- date of publication,
- title of the work,
- name of the publication/journal/website/publisher,
- page number(s), and
- Weblink

### **Can I include artwork or an accompanying image(s) in my submission?**

Contributors are welcome to submit the artwork they wish to have accompany their article. Inclusion will be dependent on the space available. If you would like to include artwork, please submit your photo/image/etc. with your draft as a high-resolution file. The file can be any format, but should be at least 300 DPI.

### **If I don't provide artwork, what will accompany my article?**

If you do not have a preference for artwork, don't worry! We're coordinating artistic submissions from people with lived experience of youth homelessness to be included in this edition and can pair your piece with their contributions.

### **Where do I submit my draft?**

All drafts are to be submitted via email to Amanda Buchnea as Word documents (.doc or .docx): [abuchnea@awayhome.ca](mailto:abuchnea@awayhome.ca).

### **Who can I contact if I have questions or need assistance?**

If you have any questions at all about contributing to this edition of Parity, or if you are interested in receiving feedback, input or assistance with your draft contribution, you can reach Amanda Buchnea at [abuchnea@awayhome.ca](mailto:abuchnea@awayhome.ca).

Jayne Malenfant is also providing support to contributors with lived experience of youth homelessness and can be reached at [jayne.malenfant@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:jayne.malenfant@mail.mcgill.ca).