


# Social Exclusion and Youth who Engage in High-Risk Behaviour: Safe Streets, Phase 3





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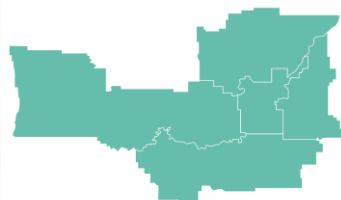
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“Being young and homeless invariably means winding up in dangerous places, engaging in risky behaviours, and being exposed to potential offenders”

-- Researcher Stephen Gaetz



# Phase One



Where do youth travel on a typical day?  
Where do they consider safe or unsafe?



## Phase Two



*[Having a transit pass] was the best feeling in the world, like liberation, being able to go where you can or need to go. It got me to my school. I did temporary jobs; it got me to my workplace in the morning. It is like the difference between being normal and homeless.*

A photograph of a person sitting on a concrete ledge, with their legs crossed and hands resting on the edge. The person is wearing dark clothing and sneakers. The background shows a blurred cityscape. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. The text "Phase 3" is centered in white.

# Phase 3

## 36 youth at 6 youth-serving agencies participated

Currently Staying	Number of Youth
Group home	13
Shelter	12
Shared housing with relatives/friends	7
Other	4
Homeless	3
Rent	1
River Valley	1
Somebody's couch	1
Motel or Hotel	1



















What are the typical daily travel routes and destinations of youth who engage in high-risk behaviour?

# Safe Streets 3




## All Female Respondents: Travel Routes

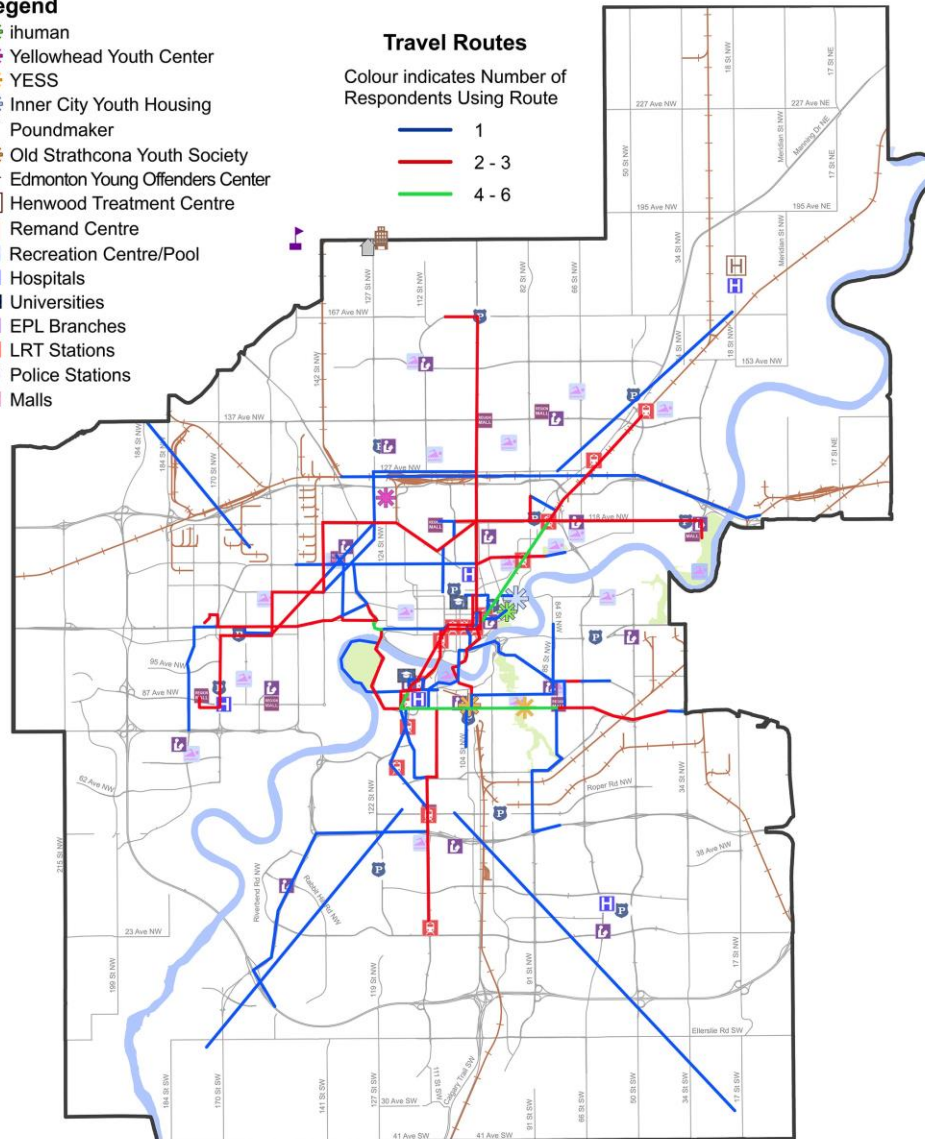
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-  Yellowhead Youth Center
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-  Poundmaker
-  Old Strathcona Youth Society
-  Edmonton Young Offenders Center
-  Henwood Treatment Centre
-  Remand Centre
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-  Universities
-  EPL Branches
-  LRT Stations
-  Police Stations
-  Malls

### Travel Routes

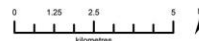
Colour indicates Number of Respondents Using Route

-  1
-  2 - 3
-  4 - 6



Data Sources: Youth data provided by Old Strathcona Community Mapping and Planning Committee, Spatial data provided by DMTI Spatial and the City of Edmonton.

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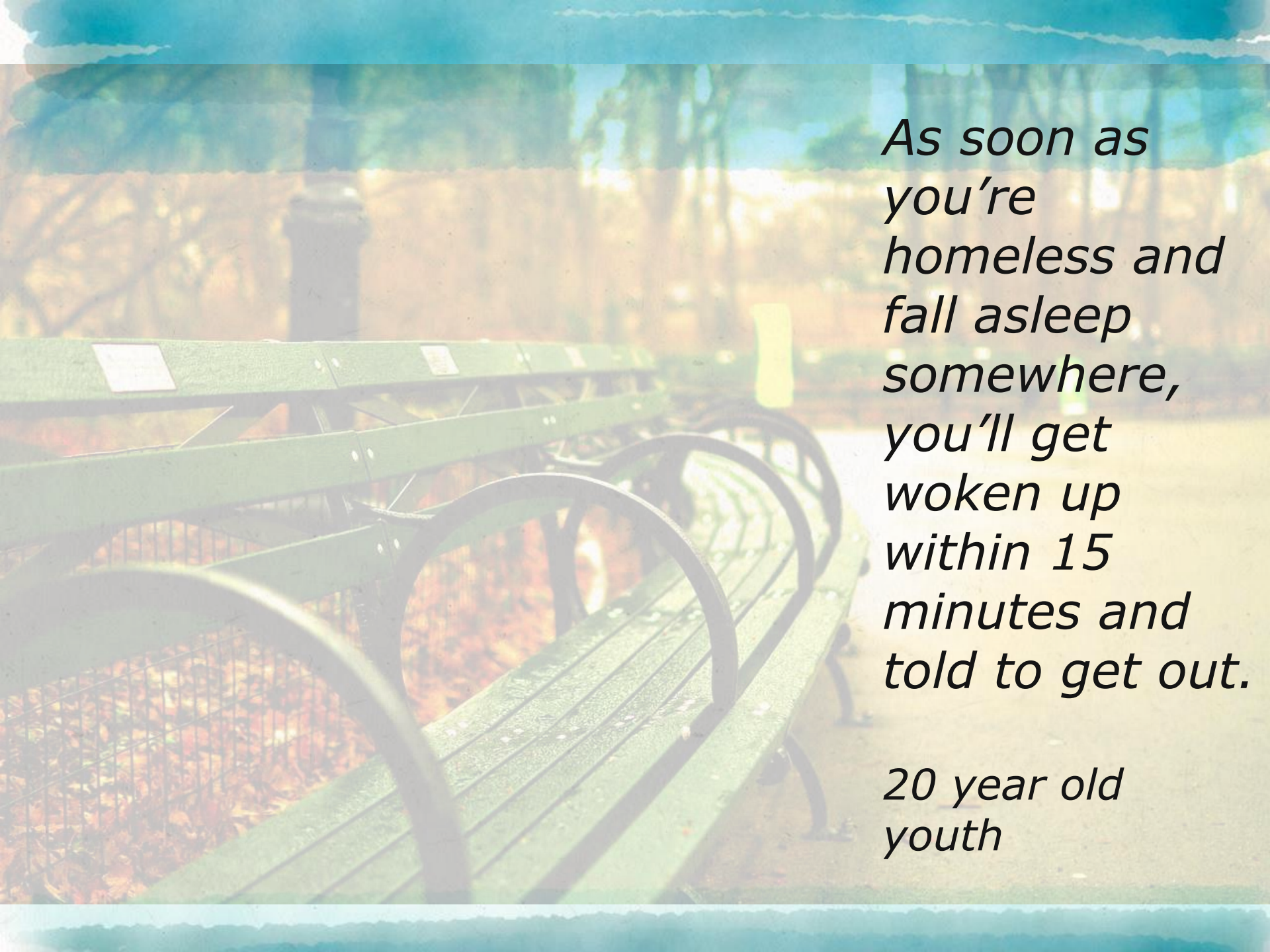


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What is the impact of social exclusion on decision-making when it comes to routes and destinations?



A photograph of a park bench in a park setting. The bench is made of green metal frames and wooden slats. It is positioned in the foreground, slightly to the left. In the background, there are trees with green and yellow leaves, suggesting an autumn setting. A path or walkway is visible behind the bench. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

*As soon as  
you're  
homeless and  
fall asleep  
somewhere,  
you'll get  
woken up  
within 15  
minutes and  
told to get out.*

*20 year old  
youth*



30 of the 36 youth participants shared being banned from at least one location.

What factors contribute to a youth's perception that a space is safe or unsafe?

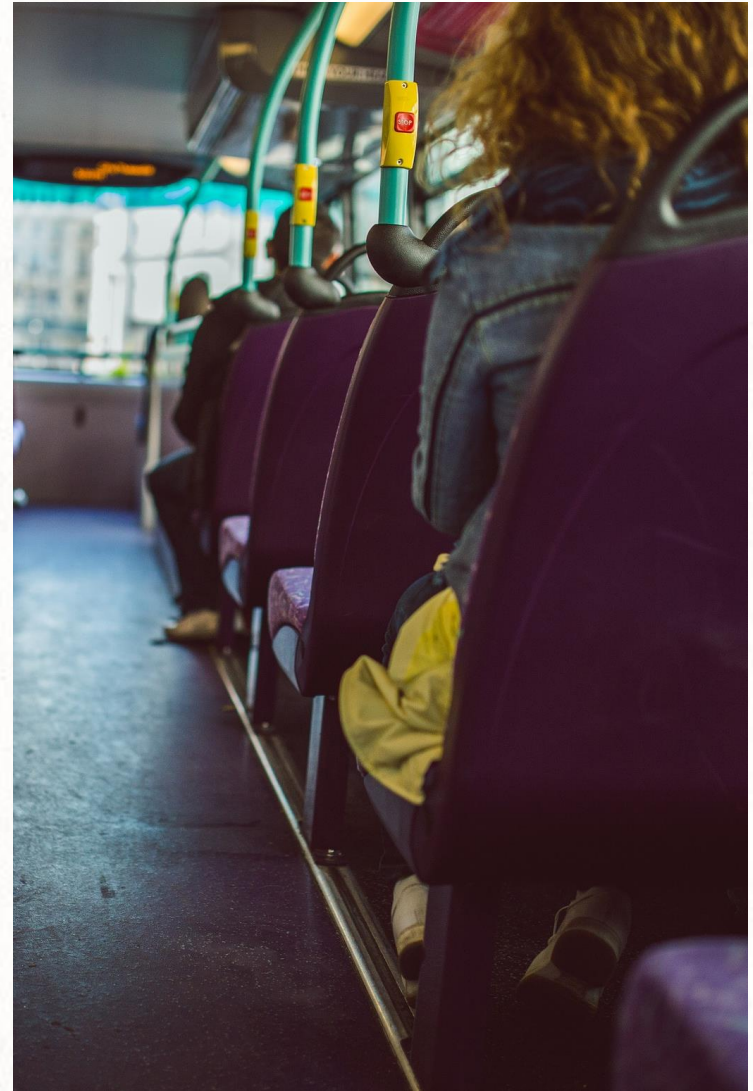


***Stay away from others  
Don't go anywhere alone***



What recommendations do youth have to help youth feel safer in areas surrounding youth services?

*It gets dark fast in the winter and they should have staff that have half shifts... so less bad things happen. Especially if you take a bus at night it's really scary. And sometimes you have to walk there and when it's cold it seems like a really long time.*





# Recommendations

- ▶ Training and Education
- ▶ Sustainable funding for youth-serving agencies
- ▶ Housing for youth
- ▶ Further investigation into banning

# Youth Bans: Policy, Implementation, and Perspectives of Youth and Stakeholders



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Interviews





Increased  
knowledge

Recommendations  
for reconciling  
bans

Opportunity for  
dialogue



A photograph of four people standing in a field at sunset, silhouetted against the bright sun. From left to right: a person in a jacket and shorts, a person holding a skateboard vertically, a person holding a skateboard horizontally above their head, and a person holding a skateboard horizontally on their shoulders. The text "Any questions?" is overlaid in white.

**Any questions?**

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