



**SAMPLE PRE-INTERVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE ONLY
MAY BE ADAPTED FOR YOUR LOCAL ICAP PROJECT**

This document is an approved York University pre-interview questionnaire for a project titled CITY BUILDERS where interviewees are principally labourers and construction workers in Toronto.¹ ICAP provides this document as a model to tailor for your local ICAP oral history project. Pick and choose questions, as appropriate.

FORM BEGINS HERE:

As a participant in your local ICAP project, we ask that you fill out this questionnaire and follow directions for return.

Your answers to this questionnaire will help us plan for our sit-down interview, which we will schedule with you sometime in _____. (Add Time, Day, Month, Year)

Your answers will be included as part of _____. (Purpose of local ICAP project)

See ICAP's introductory letter and ICAP's consent form for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact (email) _____ (phone no.) _____

1. Full name: _____

2. Date of birth: _____ 3. Place of birth: _____

4. Where did you grow up? _____

Skip to Q.12 if you were born AND raised in Canada

5. Where was your last place of residence before moving to Canada? _____

6. What occupation(s) did you have before moving to Canada?

7. When did you first move to Canada? _____

8. Initially, did you come alone or with your family? _____

9. Did you first migrate to Canada with undocumented status (or illegally)? _____

10. How long did it take for you to obtain landed immigrant status? _____

11. Where did you first live in Canada (address)? _____

¹ From a 2017 pre-interview questionnaire developed for "City Builders: An Oral History of Immigrant Construction Workers in Postwar Toronto." Principal Investigator. Dr. Gilberto Fernandes.

12. Where else have you lived in Canada (addresses)? _____

13. What languages do you speak? _____

14. What was the first language that you learned at home? _____

15. What is your highest grade of education? _____

16. What were your parents' main occupations? _____

17. What were their highest grade of education? _____

18. Have your parents ever lived in Canada? _____

19. What year did they migrate to Canada (if applicable)? _____

20. What is your marital status? _____

21. What year did you get married for the first time (if applicable)? _____

22. What occupation(s) has your spouse had in Canada (if applicable)?

23. How many children do you have? _____

Skip to Q.30 if the answer above is "none."

24. How many were born in Canada? _____

25. What are their current occupations? _____

26. What is their highest grade of education? _____

27. Did you teach your children a language other than English? Which language(s)? _____

28. Do they speak that language today? _____

29. How many grandchildren do you have? _____

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30. How many siblings do you have? _____

31. How many of your siblings moved to Canada (if applicable)? _____

32. How many immigrants into Canada have you sponsored (including family members)? _____

33. What occupations have you had in Canada? _____

34. When did you start working in construction? _____

35. How many years did you work in construction? _____
36. What construction sectors have you worked in (i.e. residential, commercial, roads, tunnels, etc.)? _____
37. Have you worked in any construction trade(s)? Which one(s)? _____
38. Which construction projects do you remember most? _____
39. Before joining Local 183, where did you find information about available construction jobs? _____
40. Did you ever work as a day labourer?
If so, where were the pick-up spots for day labourers in the city? _____
41. Did you ever have a work accident? If so, when? _____
42. How did that accident affect you (if applicable)? _____
43. Have you ever received workers compensation (temporary or long term)? _____
44. When did you retire? _____
45. When did you join _____? (Example: LiUNA Local 183)
46. Have you been a member of other unions? If so, which ones? _____
47. Were any of your parents members of a union? _____
48. Have your children ever been members of a union (if applicable)? If so, which one(s)? _____
49. Have you ever been a union officer? If so, what position(s) did you hold? _____
50. Have you ever been part of a collective bargaining committee? _____
51. Have you ever participated in a labour dispute (i.e. strike, lockout)? If so, when? _____
52. Have you ever participated in any other union committees or activities? Which one(s)? _____
53. What non-union organizations have you been a member of (i.e. clubs or associations; parish groups; arts collective; community boards; other civil society organizations)? _____

FOR CONTACT PURPOSES:

What is your email address?
