

Community Meeting (Jan 16, 2019): Ontario Standard Form Lease Redesign

Description

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In January 2018, the Ontario government released a Standard Form Lease for residential tenancies. This was a great step towards promoting fairness in residential leases. However, we believe the document itself can be better-designed and made more accessible.

Inspired by the UK's redesign project for residential tenancies in 2014, we are engaging legal experts, advocates and community members in a co-design process to develop a digital-first re-design of the Standard Form Lease that is accessible, interactive, and grounded in community concerns and realities.

Website: <http://lawdesigncolab.ca>

Notes

Video recording

- Law and Design CoLab
 - It is a Civic Tech project
 - An entirely volunteer non-profit group
 - An interdisciplinary team
 - Mission to promote design thinking and cross-sector collaboration in Ontario's Justice sector
- Civic Tech
 - a multidisciplinary group of designers and developers
 - been meeting weekly in Toronto for the past few years.
- Ontario Standard Form Lease Redesign
 - original
 - came out in 2014
 - it's a fillable PDF that took over a year of consultation to produce
 - the hope is that standardization will make it easier to understand
 - however it's not what the advocates had actually wanted
 - in practical use landlords still use their own rent document and attach this form as an appendix
 - redesign
 - goals
 - digital, accessible, interactive, connected to resources
 - short timeline
 - phases
 - full prototype in Figma
 - will include design language including contrasts and etc
 - language updated
 - user testing using Figma or vision
 - Development