



HomeShare: Bridging seniors and students through intergenerational housing

A new housing opportunity for property owners and seniors

Would you consider opening your home to a student in exchange for companionship, help around the house or shared expenses? NSCC is exploring a new intergenerational housing program called HomeShare that aims to match seniors with post-secondary students in safe, affordable shared living arrangements

Why we're reaching out

We're currently applying for grant funding to design and pilot this program and are conducting a needs assessment to understand how it could work best. We're looking to connect with homeowners and seniors who might be interested in renting a room or sharing space with a student. Your input will help shape the supports, safety measures and guidelines needed to make this program work for you and for students.

What we're exploring:

- What kind of support or resources would make it easier for you to share your home with a student?
- What are your concerns or deal-breakers—privacy, safety, technology, compatibility?
- What would make this kind of living arrangement appealing and manageable for you?

Who we're looking for

Seniors and property owners in communities near NSCC campuses, especially in the Annapolis Valley, Strait Area and Shelburne, where we're focusing our initial research. You don't need to commit to anything, just share your thoughts and help us understand what you'd need to feel comfortable and supported.

What you'll be part of

This program is about more than affordable housing. It's about creating meaningful intergenerational connections, addressing isolation and helping both seniors and students thrive. With your help, we'll develop a pilot that's safe, flexible and built on real community needs.

Led by experienced researchers

This project is led by Lisa Mader, a seasoned counselling therapist at NSCC with deep insight into the housing challenges faced by students and seniors. Her work highlights the potential for community-based solutions that break down stereotypes and bring people together.

Interested in learning more?

We'd love to hear from you. Whether you're curious, cautious or enthusiastic, your voice matters. Join us in designing a program that brings generations together and supports independent living—on your terms.

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