

INTERVIEWEE: WHAT TO EXPECT

NYC Trans Oral History Project

You will be contacted by a trained oral history interviewer in order to schedule your interview. Interviews can be held anywhere most convenient for you. Interviews typically last anywhere between 30 minutes and 3 hours depending on how long you'd like to talk. Interviews come prepared with some questions, but don't be afraid to change topics during the interview or to suggest topics prior to the interview. Interviewers are interested in capturing your story as you'd like it to be told. Interviews will be conducted in audio and your interviewer will also ask for a photograph of you at the end of the interview.

You will be asked to sign a Release Form. By signing this form, you give copyright of the interview to the New York Public Library as well as the New York City Trans Oral History Collective so that it can be placed in the library (and at oralhistory.nypl.org) and in NYC TOHP archives. Please let your interviewer know if you have any questions about the release form prior to signing.

The New York City Trans Oral History Project is an archive of transgender resistance, resilience, and survival in New York City. It works to confront the erasure of trans histories and document the experiences of trans people as intersecting with race and racism, poverty, dis/ability, aging, housing, migration, HIV/AIDS, and sexism. We privilege the insights of vulnerable trans communities in fighting the neoliberal landscape of New York City and the structural dismantling of public benefits, gentrification, immigration reform, policing, and surveillance.

The New York Public Library's Community Oral History Project is an initiative taking place throughout the NYPL system that aims to document, celebrate, and make accessible the rich history of the city's unique neighborhoods by collecting the stories of people who have experienced it firsthand. To date, more than one thousand stories have been collected by close to three hundred community volunteers. All recordings are available at oralhistory.nypl.org and will be archived in the Library's Milstein Division of United States History, Local History and Genealogy research collection.

If you have more questions or would like additionally information about this project, please contact the NYC Trans Oral History Project at nyctransoralhistory@nypl.org.

