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We don't belong there: New geographies of homelessness, addiction and social control in Vancouver's inner city.



Drawing on eight years of ethnographic research in Vancouver's inner city, I examine how aligned processes of gentrification and poverty management are producing new geographies of homelessness, addiction and social control for young people who use drugs and inhabit the margins of urban space. In particular, I trace the emergence of government-subsidized supportive housing for "street entrenched youth" and "people with addictions and mental

health issues" in this setting. I examine how this contemporary mode of urban governance is producing new forms of life for young people in the margins, including new kinds of displacement and disappearance in the city.

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