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DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO SHARE THEIR STORIES AND OTHERS TO COLLECT ORAL HISTORIES FOR ITS *DETROIT 1967 PROJECT*

DETROIT- Do you have a story to tell about where you were and what you were doing during the events of 1967? The Detroit Historical Society will conduct interviews for the ***Detroit 1967 Project*** on **Saturday, July 25 at 10 a.m.** at the **Detroit Historical Museum** and on **Saturday, August 15 at 10 a.m.** at the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**. These events are free.

Members from the *Detroit 1967 Project* team will be on hand to conduct interviews at these events. Interested participants are asked to register in advance for a 30-45 minute interview. Your interview will be included in the Detroit 1967 oral history project and its online archive, which can be seen at detroit1967.org. Your story may also be included in an exhibition opening at the Detroit Historical Museum in September 2016.

The Society is also looking for people who would like to learn how to conduct an interview for the *Detroit 1967 Project* or who are just looking to learn how to conduct an interview that preserves history. During these free workshops participants will learn the basics of conducting oral history interviews, from how to prepare, what questions to ask (and to not ask), how to work with recording equipment, the process of transcribing your interview and how to submit your interview to the *Detroit 1967 Project*.

Oral History Workshops will also be held on:

- Saturday, July 25 at 10 a.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum
- Thursday, August 6 at 6 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum
- Saturday, August 15 at 10 a.m. at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum

To schedule an interview or to sign up for any of the workshops, you can register online at detroit1967.org/events.

The *Detroit 1967 Project* is a transformational effort to promote informed discussion and spark clearer understanding about the events of the summer of 1967 and their effects on metro Detroit and the United States. The **Detroit 1967 Oral History Project** will collect stories and memories of Metro Detroiters that relate to their lives and experiences before, during and after the unrest of July 1967.

The **Detroit Historical Society**, established in 1921, is a private, nonprofit organization located in Midtown, the heart of Detroit's cultural center. Founded in 1921, its mission is to tell Detroit's stories and why they matter. Today, the Society operates the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. In addition, the Society is responsible for the conservation and preservation of more than 250,000 artifacts that represent three centuries of

our region's rich history. Through its museum exhibits, school tour programs, community-based programs and history-themed outreach efforts, the Society serves more than 150,000 people annually.

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