

2014 COMMUNITY FORUM ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS

LINKING RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE WITH ACTION AND POLICY

HONOURING NATIONAL HOUSING DAY

**Wednesday, November 26, 2014
Tabaret Hall (Room 112), University of Ottawa**

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8:45 Welcome + Opening

Welcome

- Tim Simboli - Chair, Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa; Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health Association, Ottawa Branch
- Tim Aubry - Chair, Research and Evaluation Working Group, Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa; Professor, School of Psychology, University of Ottawa

Mayor's Proclamation of National Housing Day

- Councillor Mark Taylor, on behalf of Mayor Jim Watson

9:00: Morning Keynote

Identifying value in Housing First: An economic analysis of the At Home / Chez Soi study findings

- Eric Latimer (Professor, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University)
 - Questions and Answers (Moderator: Tim Aubry)



10:00: Break

Catering for breaks and lunch at the Community Forum is provided by Krackers Katering (great food for the greater good).

10:15: Plenary Panel

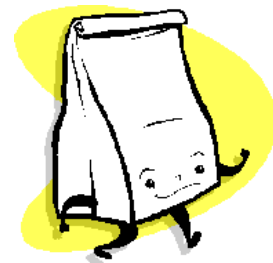
Understanding vulnerability – and pathways into housing

What are some factors that contribute to vulnerability among some populations? Are there particular barriers or obstacles to housing? What changes could contribute to prevention, alleviation or ending of homelessness and housing vulnerability?

- Moderator: Tim Simboli
- Panellists:
 - Martine Dore - Chrysalis House, Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre
 - Jason LeBlanc - Executive Director, Tungasuvvingat Inuit
 - Joanne Lowe - Executive Director, Youth Services Bureau
 - John Sylvestre - Associate Professor, School of Psychology, University of Ottawa

11:45: Lunch / Table Talks

After brief words of introduction, participants will be invited to pick-up a buffet lunch, and then join the Table Talk of their choice. Hosts will offer a brief, informal presentation, then answer questions or lead a discussion. A list of available Table Talks is below.



12:45: Announcements: Introducing the Afternoon

1:00: Concurrent Workshops

Participants are invited to select one workshop to attend.

(a) Introduction to the Canadian Housing First Toolkit (Location: Tabaret Hall, Rm 112)

- Based on the experience of the Canadian *At Home/Chez Soi* project that used the Pathways to Housing model of Housing First for homeless people with mental illness, the Mental Health Commission of Canada has developed the Housing First Toolkit to assist communities interested in adopting a Housing First approach (<http://www.housingfirsttoolkit.ca>). You'll be introduced to the toolkit, and will spend some time navigating it, with one of its developers.
 - Speaker: Geoffrey Nelson (Professor of Psychology, Wilfrid Laurier University)

(b) Engaging with Planning to preserve and expand affordable housing options in Ottawa (Location: Courtroom, Arts Court, 2 Daly)

- Is it realistic to think about creating affordable housing options in/through the private housing market? In particular, can the private sector build at affordable rents – in neighbourhoods across the city – for individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, or for other vulnerable, low-income populations? What are some of the barriers, and what are some financing, municipal planning, or other tools that could be utilized to leverage and incentivize private sector / developer involvement? Hear from – and engage with - developers and researchers in this panel discussion.
 - Speakers: Abra Adamo (University of Ottawa), Steve Pomeroy (Focus Consulting), Rodney Wilts (Windmill Development Group); Facilitator: Graeme Hussey (Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation)

(c) Telling the Housing Story: Engagement on the value of housing (Location: Chapel, Ottawa Mission, 53 Daly)

- This panel discussion will explore ways to engage our neighbours, community leaders and elected officials on the importance of housing. Why is it important to tell the story? What needs to be said? Who needs to hear the message? How do we share it, and what are some successes and challenges?
 - Speakers: Jody Ciufo (Executive Director, Canadian Housing and Renewal Association); Leigh Bursey (City Councillor, City of Brockville); Meg McCallum (Manager, Membership and Communications, Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation); Facilitator: Georgina Grosenick (Instructor, Communications, Carleton University)

(d) Supervised Injection Services: Community Consultation (Location: Faculty of Social Sciences Building, Room 4004)

- The workshop will provide an opportunity for participants to hear firsthand about proposals for supervised injection services in Ottawa. Inner City Health and Sandy Hill Community Health Centre will co-facilitate the workshop, which will include opportunities for participants to provide input which will help shape the future of this initiative in Ottawa.

2:45: Closing Keynote

'Lessons Learned in implementing a 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness'

- Susan McGee - Chief Executive Officer, Homeward Trust Edmonton
 - Questions and Answers (Moderator: Jacqueline Kennelly, Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University)



3:45: Closing Remarks

- Mike Bulthuis - Executive Director, Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa

Lunchtime Table Talks

Just pick up your lunch and join any one of these tables for a lively discussion!



TABLE	HOSTS	TOPIC
1	Tina Slauenwhite , Executive Director, Tewegan Housing for Aboriginal Youth and representatives from Tungasuvvingat Inuit	Tewegan provides a transitional home for twelve women from First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities between the ages of 16-29, looking for work, going to school or doing volunteer work. Tewegan offers single and double rooms and the use of common areas. This talk will provide information on services available to clients and the referral process. Representatives of Tungasuvvingat Inuit Centre will also join the discussion to share information on Inuit specific services for homeless youth.
2	Tania Dorley , RN and Joanna Binch , NP, Somerset West Community Health Centre	The purpose of this table talk is to provide information on the primary care needs for residents of rooming houses: a review of the evidence, the issues here in Ottawa and a brainstorming of a model to implement and evaluate.
3	Lynda Russett , Masters of Social Work, Carleton University	Embracing Diverse Communities: A development or community that embraces diversity makes provision for residents with diversity in income, ability, household configuration, age, culture and ethnicity. What should we know about mixed affordable housing? What can we do to make it happen?
4	LoriAnn Girvan , Community Solutions	The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness has committed, by June 2015, to launch a 20,000 Homes Campaign to house 20,000 of Canada's most vulnerable homeless people by July 1, 2018. 27 communities have already signed up to become campaign communities – with the first registry weeks happening in Waterloo in December and Ottawa in March / April 2015. Learn more about this exciting initiative!
5	Stephanie Rattelade , PhD Candidate, University of Ottawa	A recent study on homeless women compared homeless and vulnerably-housed women on their experiences of social support. Come hear about these new findings and discuss how they apply to services for homeless and vulnerably-housed women.

(More Table Talks on following page)

6	<p>Linda O'Neil, Public Education Consultant, B. Journalism, Canadian Mental Health Association, Ottawa Branch.</p>	<p>During this Table Talk, participants will be able to share the experience of using 'Mini Media Training' to equip and encourage community spokespeople to share their experiences of homelessness and housing success with the media.</p>
7	<p>Julie McKercher, Community Developer, West Carleton and Goulbourn; Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre Co-chair - Rural Youth Housing Working Group for Eastern Ontario</p> <p>Terrilee Kelford, Owner/Executive Director, Kelford Youth Services Inc. Co-Chair - Cornerstone Landing Co-Chair - Rural Youth Housing Working Group for Eastern Ontario</p>	<p>This Table will be discussing the results from a recent survey to gain a better understanding of the issue of rural youth homelessness in Eastern Ontario. The discussion will be focused on the synthesis of the preliminary analysis of the "Rural Youth Housing Experience Survey" a presentation of the key findings from this survey.</p>
8	<p>Owen Woodger, Jerry Zhao , Fatima Barron, Christine Nasrallah, Carleton University</p>	<p>Innovative Methods of Assessing Homelessness - a Non-Governmental Approach: We are student researchers currently assisting the Alliance to evaluate the progress in ending homelessness in Ottawa. Through our research we have drawn a number of conclusions on the best practices for non-governmental organizations to: successfully capture the full picture of homelessness, effectively present their findings and work within their organizational limits.</p>
9	<p>Ksenia Gasper, MA Public Administration, Carleton University</p>	<p>A brief look at challenges and opportunities within current intergovernmental relations governing the delivery of homelessness programming and policy in Canada. Drawing from the trends of homelessness in Canada, current Canadian inter-governmental realities, international examples, and interviews with program and policy providers in Ottawa, I offer several interesting observations on what we are doing well and what we could be doing better in terms of homelessness policy and program provision in Canada.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(More Table Talks on following page)</p>

<p>10</p>	<p>Alison Newson, Coordinator Windrose Supportive Housing, John Howard Society of Ottawa</p> <p>Dave Haughton, YouTurn Youth Support Services (Formerly EOYJA)</p>	<p>This Table Talk will provide information on the Windrose Supportive Housing supporting homeless or unstably housed young women as young as 16, who are involved or at risk of justice involvement. The young women in residence receive professional support on site, to plan for and realize success in four major life areas: career, family, community and self.</p> <p>The table will also share information on A Different Street Housing Program (ADS), which in partnership with YouTurn Youth Support Services provides semi-independent accommodation and support to young men as young as 16, who are justice-involved and/or homeless, or at risk of being so. ADS provides support to youth with complex needs and an opportunity to access safe accommodations and utilize on-site supports to assist with their life goals, including skills and attitudes, necessary for a successful future in a longer-term, more independent living situation.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Nicole Li, Community Development Coordinator, Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities</p>	<p>The Ottawa-Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities has identified a situation in which a legitimate tenant or home owner finds themselves unsafe, physically, financially or psychologically, because of the presence of people in their home that they may or may not be able to remove. The focus of the Table Talk will be to share some information about this complex issue and to generate some feedback from participants about how to develop practical responses.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Benjamin Roebuck, Ph.D. (Professor & Coordinator, Graduate Victimology Program, Algonquin College)</p>	<p>Youth Homelessness, Victimization & Resilience: Strength-based perspectives on the experiences of youth - Young people who are homeless experience adversity on the streets, yet many persevere to overcome the obstacles in their daily lives. Join a conversation that celebrates the strengths of young people who are homeless, and contribute your perspectives on how to support them in continuing to build resilience.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Jacqueline Kennelly, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Carleton University</p>	<p>The impact of mega-events (Olympic Games, World Cups, Pan Am Games etc) on homeless, impoverished, or marginally housed populations in host cities has been generally negative. We'll consider what happens when a mega-event comes to a Canadian city. Drawing on qualitative research with homeless youth living in Vancouver the year before, during, and after the 2010 Winter Olympics, the researcher will discuss the housing promises made by the Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee (VANOC), and the actual implementation (or lack thereof) when the Olympics came to town.</p>

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