

The Alliance to End Homelessness Presents

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2009 Community Forum on Homelessness

*Linking Research and Knowledge with Action and Policy
In honour of NATIONAL HOUSING DAY*

Monday, November 23, 2009, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

The Desmarais Building, University of Ottawa, 55 Laurier Ave. East, Hall # 4101

Registration Free, Lunch Provided

9:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Marion Wright, Chair of The Alliance to End Homelessness (ATEH)

Fran Klodawsky, Forum Chair, ATEH Research & Evaluation Working Group, Carleton University

NATIONAL HOUSING DAY and **City of Ottawa's Proclamation, Councillor Shad Qadri**

OPENING SPEAKER

Dr. Jeffrey Turnbull

"We know what works. Why isn't it happening?"

Chief of Staff, The Ottawa Hospital; Medical Director, Ottawa Inner City Health;
President Elect, Canadian Medical Association; Professor of Medicine,
University of Ottawa; and Member, Order of Canada

10:00 a.m.

BREAK with coffee, tea, juice and baked goods

10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

MORNING PANELS IN PLENARY SESSION – Hear and discuss different perspectives. Presentations & audience questions and comments.

1. Aboriginal Perspectives on Homelessness

MODERATOR	Irene Compton	Manager of Cultural Programming at Minwaashin Lodge
PANEL MEMBERS	Pam Kilabuk	Tungasuvvingat Inuit
	Sandra Martin	Minwaashin Lodge
	Michelle Penny	Oshki Kizis Lodge
	Bruce Ransom	Wabano
	Kim Van Herk	Ottawa Inner City Health

2. Children, Youth and Family Perspectives on Homelessness

MODERATOR	Fran Klodawsky	Department of Geography & Environmental Studies, Carleton University
PANEL MEMBERS	Lula Adams	Interval House
	Marie Josee Cleroux	Youth
	Bob Flynn	University of Ottawa
	Bonnie Caroll	Pinecrest-Queensway CHC
	Dan Sabourin	Youth Services Bureau

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. **TABLE TALKS OVER LUNCH** – “Table Talk” Hosts will give brief, informal presentations, answer questions or lead a discussion. Topics include new programs, recent research findings, an agency update, a new partnership, etc. Registrants will select a ‘Table Talk’ on the day of the Forum.

1:45 to 3:30 p.m. **AFTERNOON PLENARY on Taking Action and Moving Forward**

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

PARC Ambassadors

From NIMBY to YIMBY

Terence Williams, PARC Coordinator
With Phil Hozer, Ambassador

*“How people who need affordable housing and some supports
went door to door to bring their neighbours on side”*

The PARC Ambassador project in Toronto successfully engaged in community consultation to combat NIMBYism about the development in Parkdale of an affordable housing project for persons with mental health & addictions histories.

- The project was a practical response to community opposition when the Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre (PARC) was awarded a derelict building to be developed for affordable housing. The Ambassadors themselves use PARC, a local drop-in centre for people with mental health & addiction issues.
- Is it harder to voice discriminatory opinions when “those” people are in the room, at your door, and part of the debate instead of having professionals and proxies representing them as clients?

PLENARY CONCLUDES WITH

From Homeless to Home

A Documentary by Filmmaker Jason Gondziola

Stories from Ottawa

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

The Alliance to End Homelessness gratefully acknowledges support from Members of the Alliance to End Homelessness, the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, Government of Canada, United Way/Centraide Ottawa, and the University of Ottawa.
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