



# 2011 COMMUNITY FORUM ON HOMELESSNESS: Sharing Our Neighbourhoods

Linking Research and Knowledge with Action and Policy  
Honouring National Housing Day

## PROGRAM

Tuesday, November 22, 2011. 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

University of Ottawa, Desmarais Building, 55 Laurier E., Room 4101

Registration Required, Free. Lunch Provided

**9:00 a.m. Welcome: Marion Wright**, Chair of the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa

**Opening Address: Mayor Jim Watson**

The Mayor's Proclamation of National Housing Day

Mayor Watson will outline his dream scenario of the involvement of senior levels of government in the provision of affordable housing

**9:30 a.m. Morning Keynote: Jim Silver**

The Worrying Re-Alignment of the Urban Landscape

Jim Silver, Professor and Director, Urban and Inner-City Studies, University of Winnipeg, author of *Good Places to Live: Poverty and Public Housing in Canada*, a closer look at the structural inequalities and government policies that lead to bad public housing. Jim examines four public housing projects in Vancouver, Toronto, Halifax and Winnipeg that are examples of good places to live.

There will be questions from the floor after the presentation.

**10:30 a.m. Coffee Break**

**11:00 a.m. Plenary Expert Panel: Tensions in Urban Development**

Can We Create More Affordable Housing in the Face of Today's Challenges?

**Moderator:**

**Catherine Boucher**, former Executive Director at Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation, over 30 years of experience in developing and managing social housing

**Panelists:**

- **Diane Morrison**, The Ottawa Mission: why & how emergency shelters venture into being landlords
- **Carl Nicholson**, Catholic Immigration Centre: affordable housing initiatives relevant to newcomers and refugees in Ottawa
- **Peter Trotscha**, Sound Advice Consulting Co-operative: financial challenges for today's non-profit & co-op developers
- **Don Wadel**, The John Howard Society: can today's rampant NIMBYism be circumvented?

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### 12:25 p.m. **ASK ME Campaign**

Conversations to Achieve Change Between Elections

### 12:30 p.m. **Lunch & Table Talks**

The list of "Table Talks" will be available for participants on the day of the Forum.

"Table Talk" hosts will give a brief, informal presentation and will answer questions or lead a discussion. Topics: new programs, recent research findings, an agency update, a new partnership, etc.

### 1:45 p.m. **Award: Academic Sector Contribution to Ending Homelessness**

Awarded to: Allan Rock, President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Ottawa

Accepted by Stephane-Sophie Cardinal, Director, the Centre for Global and Community Engagement

### 1:50p.m. **Afternoon Keynote: Stephen Gaetz**

Making Research Matter: Mobilizing Research and Knowledge about Homelessness

Stephen Gaetz, Director of the Canadian Homelessness Research Network and the Homeless Hub, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, York University, Toronto. Stephen is committed to making research on homelessness relevant to policy and program development. His research has focused on homeless youth and more recently on the Canadian response to homelessness.

There will be questions from the floor after the presentation.

### 2:45 p.m. **A Research Round-up**

4 Minutes - 5 Research Projects - 4 PowerPoint Slides Each

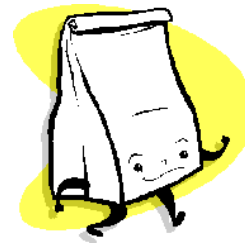
### 3:30 p.m. **Closing**

The Alliance to End Homelessness gratefully acknowledges support for the forum from the members of the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa, the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, Government of Canada and the City of Ottawa, the Canadian Homelessness Research Network, and the Centre for Research on Educational and Community Services at the University of Ottawa.

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# Lunchtime Table Talkers . . .

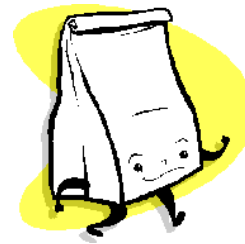
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#	HOSTS & ORGANIZATIONS	TOPIC
1	<b>Kim McDonald &amp; Sarah Overvelde</b> Options Bytown Non-Profit Housing Corp. <b>EN FRANÇAIS</b>	<b>Options Bytown – Des modèles qui fonctionnent bien!</b> Après plus de vingt ans d'existence, Options Bytown Société de Logement Sans But Lucrative à réussi à créer plusieurs modèles de logement avec soutiens pour aider les personnes sans abris à vivre de façon plus indépendante. Sarah et Kim donneront une description générale de leurs programmes et encourageront une discussion sur les avantages du logement avec soutiens.
2	<b>Kathy Syrett</b> District Nursing Officer and <b>Christine Filiatrault</b> Case Manager Veterans Affairs Canada	<b>The Ottawa Office of Veterans Affairs Canada</b> Local staff will share information on the services they are able to provide to assist homeless or at risk individuals who have spent any time in the Canadian Forces.
3	<b>Carol Skinner &amp; Craig Defries</b> Mental Health and Addiction Workers, Canadian Mental Health Association	<b>Art Therapy Group Treatment Program</b> a discussion that offers practical information on providing integrated treatment using art therapy based on the stages of change with individuals with a co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder.
4	<b>Wendy Muckle</b> Director, Ottawa Inner City Health	<b>Managed Alcohol Program (MAP)</b> The focus of the session will be strategies for successful housing for people with alcohol addictions-developing the right solution for each person
5	<b>Robert Desarmia</b> Case Management Worker, Oasis Program, Sandy Hill Community Health Centre	<b>Intensive Case Management Program - Housing First Model Using a Harm Reduction approach</b> This talk will include an update to provide information on the enrollment in the program, the application process and a discussion on this housing first model. This program is a partnership between Sandy Hill Community Health Centre and the Canadian Mental Health Association.
6	<b>Allison Lynch</b> Caseworker, Housing Help	<b>Tenants' rights and responsibilities</b> Brush up on your knowledge and learn about the services offered by Housing Help.
7	<b>Tania O'Connor</b> RN, BScN Program and Project Management Officer Ottawa Public Health Hazards Prevention & Management Team & <b>Ann Stanton-Loucks</b> , Public Health Inspector	<b>Ottawa Public Health's Bed Bug Initiative</b> In early 2011, Ottawa Public Health was awarded funding from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to address bed bugs through education and outreach and supports to vulnerable clients. This Table Talk will provide information on what supports are available and how to access them. A Public Health Inspector will be available to provide a brief overview of dealing with bed bugs and answer any questions.
8	<b>Jean-Philippe Thompson</b> Coordinator for the Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres of Ottawa	<b>Acquired Brain Injury in homeless populations</b> ABI can compound existing mental health and substance abuse issues or ignite new ones. However, the needs of homeless people with ABI are unlikely to be met by today's healthcare system. What are some of the approaches that can be employed by front-line staff and clinicians in dealing with these factors?

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9	<b>Linda Simard</b> Coalition pour prévenir l'itinérance chez les francophones d'Ottawa (CPIFO) <i>EN FRANÇAIS</i>	<b>Comment « bien vieillir chez soi » quand on n'a pas de « chez-soi »?</b> Une analyse des besoins chez les aînés francophones itinérants ou à risque de l'être.
10	<b>Nancy Worsfold &amp; Elizabeth Kwan</b> Crime Prevention Ottawa	<b>Developing a Framework for dealing with Active Problem Addresses</b> The purpose of this Table Talk is to seek input from the community on the work of the CDF Safety Committee which is working to develop a sustainable framework for a multi-stakeholder approach to active problem addresses in Ottawa (defined as a specific address which is the location of ongoing disturbance to neighbours and/or complaints related to crime and disorder, which affect ongoing community wellbeing).
11	<b>Terrie Meehan &amp; Laura Shantz</b>	<b>All Our Sisters Conference</b> As part of the group starting the organizing process to recreate the All Our Sisters Conference here in Ottawa, this Table Talk will provide a forum to share where the planning process is at and to hopefully gather diverse interested parties to enhance our emerging group.
12	<b>Rob Boyd</b> Director, Oasis Program, SHCHC	<b>Safer Crack Use: what's coming down the pipe?</b> Facilitated discussion on the next steps in interventions for people who smoke crack
13	<b>Andrea Poncia Taryn Wallsworth &amp; Jessie Storms</b> Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa	<b>Participatory Action Research: How to engage high risk youth as active contributors in community based research</b> How has the Youth Services Bureau supported homeless youth to be part of community based research processes and speak about their challenges and successes? Our story is unique to our organization and experience. We'll talk about what engagement means to YSB, what are the key things that make engagement in participatory action research possible within YSB, as well as how we do it.
14	<b>Martina Markovic</b> Family peer support coordinator, Veterans Affairs Canada and <b>Patrick Sudrau</b> Peer support coordinator, National Defence	<b>The Operation Stress Injury Social Support Program</b> OSISS is a program which provides peer and family support to Veterans with psychological problems arising from their service. OSISS staff will lead a discussion and welcomes the opportunity to connect with other service providers and to raise awareness of their program.
15	<b>Ofelia Levoir</b> Families First Coordinator at Pinecrest - Queensway Community Health Centre	<b>The Families First Program</b> This is a new and exciting program, part of the City of Ottawa's \$14M Housing and Homelessness Investment Plan. Learn about the services being offered to families with complex needs who have recently been homeless or who are at imminent risk of losing their housing.



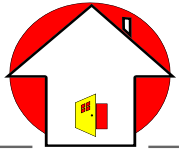
## Research Round-up Session

# 4 Minutes - 4 Slides - 1 Researcher

### RESEARCHER

### TOPIC

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1	<b>Tim Aubry</b> Professor School of Psychology/Director Centre for Research on Educational and Community Services, University of Ottawa <a href="mailto:taubry@uottawa.ca">taubry@uottawa.ca</a>	<b>An Update of the Longitudinal Study of the Health of Homeless and Vulnerably Housed Adults in Vancouver, Toronto, and Ottawa</b>
2	<b>John Sylvestre</b> Associate Professor Senior Researcher, Centre for Research on Educational and Community Services, University of Ottawa <a href="mailto:jsylvest@uottawa.ca">jsylvest@uottawa.ca</a>	<b>Supported Housing Addiction Recovery Program-Evaluation (SHARP-E)</b>
3	<b>Joanne Pocock</b> PhD, JPocock Research Consultant <a href="mailto:joanne_pocock@hotmail.com">joanne_pocock@hotmail.com</a>	<b>Current Drug and Alcohol Trends in Ottawa: Findings from Ottawa Site Report for the Canadian Community Epidemiology Network on Drug (CCENDU)</b>
4	<b>Jamie Muckle</b> Researcher Ottawa Inner City Health <a href="mailto:jamiemuckle1@hotmail.com">jamiemuckle1@hotmail.com</a>	<b>Harm Reduction and Integrated Care: An Evaluation of the Special Care Unit for Women in Ottawa 2010</b>
5	<b>Manal Guirguis-Younger</b> Associate Professor Faculty of Human Sciences, Saint Paul University <a href="mailto:myounger@ustpaul.ca">myounger@ustpaul.ca</a>	<b>The Structures and Processes Involved in the Delivery of End-of-life Care Services in the Context of Homelessness</b>
6	<b>Fran Klodawsky</b> Associate Professor Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University <a href="mailto:fran_klodawsky@carleton.ca">fran_klodawsky@carleton.ca</a>	<b>Homeless Immigrants and Refugees: Evidence of Healthy Immigrant Syndrome?</b>
7	<b>Marie-Eve Sylvestre</b> Associate Professor of Law University of Ottawa <a href="mailto:Marie-Eve.Sylvestre@uottawa.ca">Marie-Eve.Sylvestre@uottawa.ca</a>	<b>The Criminalization of Homelessness in Canada and its Impact on Homeless People's Rights</b>
8	<b>Prashan Ranasinghe</b> Assistant Professor Department of Criminology, University of Ottawa <a href="mailto:prashan.ranasinghe@uottawa.ca">prashan.ranasinghe@uottawa.ca</a>	<b>Making Sense of Safety and Security at a Homeless Shelter</b>



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**The Alliance to End Homelessness (ATEH) has a number of individual members as well as the following organizational members.**

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Canadian Mental Health Association – Ottawa Branch  
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Catholic Immigration Centre  
Causeway Work Centre  
Centre 454  
Centre 507 Drop-In  
Centre Espoir Sophie  
Centre for Research on Educational and Community Services, University of Ottawa  
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Centretown Community Health Centre  
City of Ottawa, Housing Services Branch  
Cooperative Housing Association of Eastern Ontario  
Cornerstone Housing for Women/Le Pilier  
Daybreak Non-Profit Shelter  
Debra Dynes Family House  
Elizabeth Fry Society  
Emily Murphy Non-Profit Housing Corporation  
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First Baptist Church  
Good Day Workshop  
Harvest House Ministries  
Horizons Renaissance Inc.  
Housing Help  
Jewish Family Services  
John Howard Society of Ottawa  
Minwaashin Lodge/Oshki Kizis Healing Lodge  
Multifaith Housing Initiative  
Nelson House of Ottawa-Carleton  
Nepean Housing  
Nepean, Rideau, Osgoode Community Resource Centre  
Nursing Students of Ontario  
Oasis Program at Sandy Hill Community Health Centre  
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Ontario Association of Social Workers, Eastern Branch  
Ontario Public Interest Research Group, Carleton University  
Operation Come Home  
Options Bytown Non-Profit Housing Corporation  
Ottawa Action on Poverty / Action Pauvreté Ottawa

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Ottawa Inner City Ministries  
Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre  
Ottawa Salus Corporation  
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Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre  
Sandy Hill Community Health Centre  
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Social Planning Council of Ottawa  
Somerset West Community Health Centre  
South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre  
St. Joe's Women's Centre  
Stewart and Associates  
The Ottawa Food Bank  
The Ottawa Mission  
The Salvation Army Booth Centre  
The Well/La Source  
Tungasuvvingat Inuit  
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