



The Alliance to End Homelessness (ATEH)

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Dear ATEH Members and Partners,

Re: We will continue **two exciting ways to share information & to strengthen our community of practice** at the **COMMUNITY FORUM ON HOMELESSNESS** this year:

- ‘**TABLE TALKS**’, an informal approach to networking at this annual event; and
- “**RESEARCH ROUND-UP**” a brief knowledge exchange opportunity provided as a wrap up to the day

Table Talks: As organizers for the Forum, we are looking for representatives from approximately 12-15 member agencies or partners to host lunch hour caucuses about their work. This year’s forum will take place on Thursday November 29th, 2012 at the University of Ottawa, in Desmarais Hall.

We are going to invite all forum delegates to remain in Desmarais Hall for at lunch-time and participate in a ‘**Table Talk**’ while they have lunch seated at their round tables. Each ‘Table Talk’ host will be asked give a brief and informal presentation, and then answer questions or lead a discussion. Registrants will select ‘Table Talks’ on the day of the Forum. **This year, we are giving enough time during lunch so that forum participants can attend TWO table talks if they wish.** ‘Table talk’ presenters should be prepared to give their presentation twice.

Topics for a ‘Table Talk’ could include a new program, an agency update, and a new partnership - whatever you like! We hope to have two of the ‘Table Talks’ facilitated in French. Hosts are welcome to make use of materials and information they already have on hand so that hosting will not create additional work but will be a chance to get the word out on all the amazing work that is occurring in our City and in the homelessness, housing and health sectors!!!

No later than November 15th please contact the ATEH Executive Director Lynne Browne by email if you are interested in hosting a lunch hour ‘Table Talk’ –

lynnebrowne@endhomelessnessottawa.ca. She will pass your interest on to Table Talks coordinator Jean-Philippe Thompson who will work with you after that. **Please provide in your email:**

- A **short title** for your “**Table Talk**” session,
- A **brief (2-3 sentence) description** of the session,
- The **name of the person** who will be the host and.
- Your **group or agency name.**

Research Round-up: at the end of the day, we will again provide an opportunity for participants to hear from researchers/students who have newly funded ongoing, proposed, or recently completed research on related homelessness, health and/or housing issues to provide a brief synopsis of their research project. The challenge is that each researcher/project will only get a maximum of **4 minutes and 4 PowerPoint slides** to describe their work!!

We think the Table Talk and Research Round-up sessions will provide delegates with a great opportunity to network and stay informed. With your help, we can achieve this goal!

Thank you,

On behalf of the ATEH Research and Evaluation Working Group

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