

Call for Proposals
Annual Community Forum on Ending Homelessness

Thursday, January 24th, 2019
RA Centre - 2451 Riverside Drive – Ottawa, ON

The Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa is seeking presenters for our Annual Community Forum on Ending Homelessness, to be held on January 24th, 2019 at the RA Centre.

The Annual Community Forum on Ending Homelessness is the only event of its kind in Ottawa, bringing over 280 housing researchers, practitioners, front line workers, policy makers, community organizations and governments together to work collaboratively to build solutions to ending homelessness in Ottawa.

Our program provides an opportunity for local agencies to meet collectively and exchange learning, best-practices and strategies from a growing local and Canadian body of knowledge on ending homelessness, and will offer practical information, tools, research, discussion and much inspiration!

We are inviting proposal submissions for two main programs:

- **Lunch Hour Table Talks**
- **Concurrent Workshop Sessions**

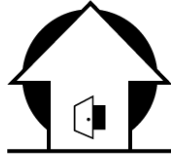
Program Details

Lunch Hour Table Talks provide an opportunity for organizations, and researchers (including students) to share new or ongoing research findings, as well as promising practices or program outcomes.

Table Talks take place over **one hour** following the lunch break and offer an intimate setting in which table leads can provide an informal presentation followed by group discussion.

Concurrent Workshop Sessions take place during a **75-minute** time slot, and consist of one or more speakers on a thematic, policy, research or programmatic issue and may take the form of either:

- **Panels:** Including one or more presentation(s) by speaker(s) in a lecture format on a topic with a question and answer period facilitated by a moderator.
- **Forums:** Panel of speakers addressing a broad topic such as 'The Right to Housing' or 'Best-Practices in Supportive Housing' that is discussion based versus offering formal presentations.
- **Training:** Skills building session on a topic such as 'Harm Reduction' or 'Understanding Concurrent Disorders' offering concepts, skills, models and learning activities with one or more presenters.



General Presentation Information

The Annual Community Forum on Ending Homelessness will host at least ten table talks and six concurrent sessions and will also feature a youth stream, Keynotes and/or plenary panels. We are seeking to build a well-rounded program, and to give voice to a wide variety of perspectives and experiences. The Alliance also encourages presenters to consider how their presentation can further promote reconciliation, along with opportunities for open dialogue and discussion.

Presentation Criteria

- Encourage open dialogue from a variety of perspectives and experiences
- Offer a solutions-oriented approach (incl. on barriers/challenges)
- Encourage leadership, best-practices and actionable knowledge sharing
- Are innovative, and provide new material and content for Forum attendees
- Meet the information needs of our community and sector organizations, leaders and front-line staff at different stages in their careers

We are inviting submissions on a range of topics, including but not limited to the following areas:

- Community Collaboration / Partnership Models
- Homelessness Prevention & Outreach
- Harm Reduction
- Trauma Informed Care
- Mental Health & Addictions
- Evolving Role of Shelter Supports & Services
- Rooming Houses
- Affordable Rental Housing Development
- Social Housing Management/Procurement
- Supportive Housing Models
- Housing as a Human Right
- Housing First (eg. Discussion or Training)
- Employment & Education Services
- Financial Literacy (eg. CRA low income resourcing)
- Planning for the Future: Inclusionary Zoning/Transit
- Landlord Relations & Tenancy Considerations
- Coordinated Access Systems
- Models of Peer Support
- Role of Funders in Ending Homelessness
- Building a Community Advocacy Strategy
- National Housing Strategy / Implications for Ottawa
- Municipal/Provincial Programs & Services
- Overview of City 10 Year Plan: 'Taking Stock'
- Political Panel
- Research / Policy Issues (National – Local)
- HIFIS & the Role of Data
- Board Management & Governance
- Indigenous Housing Management Practices
- A Way Home Ottawa – Youth Homelessness
- Family Homelessness
- Seniors Homelessness
- LGBTQ2S Homelessness (Adults/Youth)
- Sex Trade / VAW / Women's Homelessness
- Veterans Homelessness
- Other...



Proposal Format

All submissions must contain the following information:

1. Presentation Title
2. Thematic Area (eg. Rooming Houses; New Rental Housing Development)
3. Target Audience
4. Short (250 word max) presentation summary
5. Presenter(s)
 - a. Name(s)
 - b. Job Title(s)
 - c. Organization(s)
 - d. Email(s)
6. Whether you are proposing:
 - a. Lunch Hour Table Talk; OR
 - b. Concurrent Workshop Session (If a workshop, type of session: ie. Panel, Forum, Training)
7. Do you have any audio-visual needs beyond a standard Power Point?
8. Do you require special accommodations?

Note: *If you wish to present at more than one session, please submit separate proposals for each session.*

Submission Deadline is Friday, November 9th, 2018. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis as they are received.

How to Submit a Proposal

NB: Please title your email submission to the Call for Proposals as: SUBMISSION 2018 FORUM

Please submit a Word Document as an attachment with the above outlined information (#1-8) to:

Kristen Holinsky: kholinsky@endhomelessnessottawa.ca

Please Note:

1. *In order to develop a well-rounded program, the Alliance retains final approval of all session content. We may ask those submitting proposals to make adjustments to accommodate the development of thematic panel presentations.*
2. *Due to the high number of anticipated proposals, the Alliance cannot guarantee acceptance of all submissions.*
3. ***Selected speakers and moderators are responsible for their own travel and registration. Speakers may register at a discounted rate. Please note the speaker rate is limited to one presenter per organization per session.***

Registration will open late November. Stay tuned for more information.