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Faculty of Social Sciences Building
University of Ottawa

Coming Up Together

Towards Ending &
Preventing Youth Homelessness
in Ontario, Canada and Beyond

On unceded Algonquin Territory • Convened by a multi-sectoral organizing committee, hosted by Carleton University

We invite you to Ottawa, Canada's capital, for a collaborative three-day exchange of ideas between diverse change makers that will advance the agenda of ending youth homelessness in Ontario, Canada, and across the globe. Youth, community service providers, researchers and policy experts will meet to share their experiences and perspectives on creating systemic solutions to youth homelessness, ranging from immediate interventions to preventative strategies designed to stop homelessness before it begins. We believe that all young people have the right to be safely housed and to have the appropriate supports in place that allow them to thrive. Our goal with this conference is to build upon and accelerate the current momentum for ending and preventing youth homelessness in Ontario, Canada and beyond.

Call for Researcher/Academic Participation

We are seeking proposals for:

1) Panel topics 2) Papers 3) Workshops from researchers and academics

Contributions should be designed to reach a universal, multi-sectoral audience. Applicants are invited to submit proposals for one or more contributions. Proposals concerning communities outside of major metropolitan Canadian cities (Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal) are encouraged, as are inter-sectoral collaborations between researchers/academics, youth, and service providers supporting homeless youth. Contribution topics could include (but are not restricted to): Housing as a human right, Indigenous youth experiences, LGBTQ youth, newcomer youth, gender, hidden homelessness, youth activism, aging out of youth services, policy, housing first, harm reduction, poverty reduction, mental health care, constructing the problem of youth homelessness, measuring youth homelessness, homelessness prevention, community planning, housing stock, the cost of youth homelessness, the role of community institutions (schools, hospitals, etc...) and education/employment.

Panels

Please submit panel proposals with the following elements: A title or panel topic; 300-500 word summaries of each presentation (between 3 and 4); 150-word bios and contact information for each presenter. Panels that incorporate diverse perspectives from youth, service providers, policy makers and academics are particularly welcome.

Papers

Please submit a 300-500 word abstract detailing a 15-minute paper you intend to present on a conference panel. Papers prioritizing audience engagement and visual presentations are encouraged.

Workshops

Please submit a 300-500 word summary detailing a workshop you would like to conduct during the conference. This could be a workshop for skill development for other academics based on your expertise or a strategy sharing session based on participatory, community-based project work, for example.

Submission Submit your proposal online at www.coming-up-together.ca

Contact info@coming-up-together.ca

Deadline May 1st, 2017

