



Youth Conference - "Breaking the Cycle"
April 16-17, 2008
The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road, St. John's

The St. John's Housing and Homelessness Network invites you to a two-day session entitled "Breaking the Cycle" April 16-17, 2008 at the Lantern in St. John's to discuss local solutions to the issues surrounding youth homelessness in our community.

The Network will present a report card complete with statistics collected from local youth-serving agencies on the state of youth homelessness in St. John's. Together we will discuss innovative solutions that are being developed. The two days will be an opportunity to further explore the issues and expand on local solutions.

Facilitator: Marie White

Cost: \$25.00 Registration fee per participant

April 16:

1) Opening Remarks:

Shawn Skinner
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Minister, Human Resources, Labour & Employment,
Minister, Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

2) Report Card - Discussion of Policy Recommendations

Sheldon Pollett and Gail Thornhill
Co-Chairs, SJHNN

3) Cycles of Homelessness among Youth

- Innovative supportive housing options
- Employment and educational support

Andrew MacDonald
Manager of Social Enterprise
Eva's Phoenix - Toronto, ON

www.evasinitiatives.com/e-phoenix.htm

April 17:

1) Sexual Exploitation of Youth

- Involvement in the sex-trade

Lauren Casey - National Coalition of Experiential Woman
Victoria, BC, www.cncew.ca

2) Outreach / Drop-in Centres

- Best practices

Kerri Collins, Choices for Youth

Angela Crockwell, Community Youth Network

Kerri Mahoney, Community Youth Network

3) Next Steps / Conclusion

Marie White - Facilitator

Update on Report card / Policy Document