



Network News

December 2024

"Don't try to drive the homeless into places **WE** find suitable. Help them survive in places **THEY** find suitable"

-Daniel Quinn



Marystown, NL

Network Updates

What's new with the Network?

Welcome George Sheppard to our Board of Directors

We are very excited to announce the addition of George Sheppard to our Board of Directors team!

George Sheppard was born and lives on the Burin Peninsula. After a 30-year career as a teacher/administrator, George has gone on to pursue graduate studies in Criminology at MUN.

George has had an active history as a hockey coach, municipal council, and in support of various social justice initiatives. It is in the area of social justice, and seeking to eradicate social inequality, and institute criminal justice reforms that George commits his time passionately. He recently served a two-year stint on the Board of Directors of End Homelessness St. John's. He now feels it is time to focus his efforts on social justice, housing and homelessness in all regions of our province, to be part of a team committed to these issues.



In his spare time, besides teasing his two cats and blind Shih Tzu, George loves to read, kayak, some woodworking, and watch whatever sport is airing. First and foremost, he can be found near the BBQ in all weather getting ready to cheer on the Montreal Canadiens, Toronto Blue Jays, or Manchester United, though he says there isn't much to cheer about the last while.

He is very excited to be part of NLHHN.

Please join us in welcoming George to our Board of Directors!

Happy Holidays from the NLHHN

We here at the NLHHN are wishing you and yours a very safe and warm holiday season.

Our office will be closed from **December 23rd 2024** and re-opening again on **January 6th 2025**.

If you are experiencing homelessness, please reach out to the Emergency Housing Line

1-833-724-2444

If you have any questions please reach out to Samantha - outreachcoordinator@nlhnn.org



Moving Forward

NLHHN 2025 Annual Conference

We are in the preliminary stages of planning for our Annual Conference for 2025! We are currently looking at some date options and would like to hear from you what would work best!

The conference will be open to members of our Network and we know how busy schedules can be so we would like to get a head start with a time frame that would be ideal!

Please take a few moments to fill out our Google Form to give your feedback!

2025 Conference Planning

Training Assessment

Did you know that one of our goals is to provide and facilitate training opportunities to support our network members?



We will be starting our project soon to help determine gaps in training needs but in the mean time would love to get your feedback!

If you are either a frontline worker or an organization that helps support housing and homeless needs in rural and remote Newfoundland and Labrador we'd appreciate it if you took a few moments to fill out our Google form to give us an idea as to what kind of training or conversation topics that you'd like to see offered in 2025.

Training Feedback Form

Highlight of the Month

Showcasing our Network Members and their contributions

This month we are thrilled to share information about the Burin Peninsula Housing and Homelessness Committee!

This group had been inactive since COVID19; however, in February 2024, they started receiving interest to start the CAB again. Currently, they have a fully

functional board, have been incorporated and have their bylaws finalized! This committee is in the process of changing the Board of Directors and obtaining board insurance, all while having 13 directors!

The new board is finding their way, giving much thought on the direction they want the CAB to go, and how it will look with the main goal of helping end homelessness.

Over the next few meetings, the board of directors should have completed their mission and vision statements giving a clear path to what they plan to accomplish.

The Burin Peninsula Housing and Homelessness Committee services communities within the Burin Peninsula.

If you have any questions about the Board or their efforts you can reach out to their Chairperson Joan Brown @ 709-567-0111 or bphousing@hotmail.com

GOOD NEWS STORY

Sharing a positive story from within the Network



Even with being a new CAB, the Burin Peninsula Housing and Homelessness Committee has revitalized their efforts in their community. They are ready to be a voice for the homelessness or individuals at risk of becoming homeless after being dormant for a few years.

Their Christmas Bag Project is evidence of that as it is alive and well again this year!

Their HSW (Housing Support Worker) continues to find housing for clients in a crazy low vacancy market

What incredible work!
- NLHHN

From Happy Valley Goose Bay Housing and Homelessness Coalition

The Happy Valley Goose Bay Housing and Homelessness Coalition has received funding from NICHI to construct 28 Seniors Units in Happy Valley-Goose Bay

The construction has started and projected to be completed October 31 2025. There will be four 6-plexes and one 4-plex built on a new street "Anderson Crescent" in the West Hefler Subdivision.

The application process and all information about the project will be released to the community in March 2025



What's Happening

Special events happening within our Network

Holiday Hours

With hours of operation varying for everyone during this time we'd like to share some Holiday Hours of the organizations within our network.

Qualipu First Nations/Food First NL (Western Hub) -Closing Early December 20th, re-opening January 6th

Community Mental Health Initiative, Corner Brook Status of Women Council and the Vine Place Community Centre - Closing early December 24th, re-opening January 2nd

Willow House - Open for business as usual. *If there is a women needing emergency shelter, call 886-634-4198*

SWAP - Closed from Monday December 23rd 2024 - Thursday January 2nd 2025

Labrador West Housing & Homelessness Coalition - Closed December 24th - January 1st inclusive

The Salvation Army, Community & Family Services (Gander) - Closing @ 12pm December 24th and re-opening January 2nd

Housing Support Worker (Gander) - Away from December 18th @ 12pm , returning January 2nd

**If someone is in need of emergency housing, please call the provincial
Emergency Housing Line 1-833-724-2444**

From the Community Mental Health Initiative



Remembering those lost to
SUICIDE
TREE OF
MEMORIES

All are welcome to place a ribbon on the tree in memory of those we have lost

Please join us on Thursday, December 12th at 6PM at the Majestic Lawn.

Follow the CMHI Facebook page for updates on any changes to this event.

From "The Community Housing Transformation Centre", in partnership with Davis Pier

We are excited to invite you to complete a survey that will **help** shape the future of affordable housing in Atlantic Canada.

The Community Housing Transformation Centre (the Centre), in partnership with Davis Pier, invites you to **complete and share** this survey as part of the Atlantic Canadian Feasibility Study on Innovative Financing Models for Community Housing.

This groundbreaking study explores a variety of alternative financing solutions, including the Quebec's Plancher model, to address housing supply challenges in the region. By unlocking unused equity in community housing assets and identifying new funding and/or financing mechanisms, this initiative aims to support the growth and sustainability of affordable housing in Atlantic Canada.

Your input through the survey is vital to:

- Assess the sector's readiness to adopt innovative financing models.
- Evaluate market conditions for these solutions.
- Shape the feasibility assessment of models like the Plancher Fund.
- Identify pilot initiatives to test and implement new approaches.

The survey findings will directly inform strategies to enhance the capacity and resilience of the community housing sector in Atlantic Canada.

Don't miss this chance to make your voice heard and participate in a game-changing initiative!

Complete the survey now and contribute to solutions that will help increase the housing supply and sustainability in the region. The survey will close on **December 27, 2024**.

For more information and questions, contact Dawn Campbell at **d.campbell@centre.support**

Together, we can transform community housing in Atlantic Canada!

**Complete
Survey**

From Home Again Furniture Bank



Double Your Impact! Bring Comfort & Joy to Families in Need

As the holiday season approaches, many families in our community are still waiting for the essentials most of us take for granted — a bed to sleep in, a table to share meals, and a chair to sit on. With nearly 200 individuals on our waiting list, your support is more important than ever.

Home Again Furniture Bank is thrilled to announce that NL Hydro is a matching funds partner for the Comfort & Joy campaign. From now until December 31st, NL Hydro will match every dollar you donate, which means your impact will be doubled to help provide beds, tables, and other essential furniture to more families in need.

Imagine a family celebrating the holidays around their very first dining table or tucking their children into warm, comfortable beds. Your support can make that a reality.

Donate now at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/comfortandjoy2024> or call (709) 325-0072 to bring comfort and joy to families this holiday season. Your support can make sure families in our community don't have to go without the basics.

Don't wait — our Comfort & Joy campaign ends December 31st. Double your impact today!

Link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/comfortandjoy2024>

Click here to see the full document

Labrador West Housing and Homelessness Coalition

Enjoy some photos of the Labrador West Housing and Homelessness Coalitions National Housing Day Lunch and Learn, with speakers

Noreen Careen (Chairperson) and Michelle (HSW). This was a very informative luncheon event where many members of the community got to learn about the Labrador West Housing and Homelessness Coalition and all the work they do.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Postponed until further notice

Stay tuned for more updates on the new date.

If you have any questions please reach out to
Samantha: outreachcoordinator@nlhnh.org

Training Opportunities

Courses, Information Sessions and Presentations to help support
our Network members

Do you have any training opportunities, networking events or presentations coming up that you'd like to advertise for? Don't forget to send us the details so we can include it in our monthly newsletter to help increase your participation!

Funding Opportunities

Financial Benefits to help your organization



New Call for 2025-2026

Reaching Homes Rural and Remote Newfoundland and Labrador announced a call for applications.

Check out your eligibility at
www.rhrrnl.ca

Staff are available to answer any questions and to support the application process.

Ryan Johnson rhadmin@rhrrnl.ca
Jennifer Quigley jennifer@rhrrnl.ca



Industry, Energy and Technology

The program can provide up to \$5000 to regional organizations and \$10,000 to provincial.

Check it out here to see if this is one your organization can avail of.
www.gov.nl.ca/iet/

If you have any questions, contact Jeff Lawlor at jefflawlor@gov.nl.ca

Regional Representation

Network Board Of Directors



Our Network represents 10 Community Advisory Boards (CAB) across the rural and remote communities of NL.

Our goal is to have all ten CAB's represented around the table; complimented by five external representatives.

Do you have lived experiences with rural or remote housing insecurity/homelessness?

Are you interested in developing effective strategies that address the challenges of rural and remote housing and homelessness challenges?

If you are interested in representing your region; have a strong desire to address the housing and homelessness challenges or would like further information, please reach out to Sherri at executivedirector@nlhnn.org

How can you help in addressing the challenges of housing & homelessness?

No matter how much you can afford to give, as a one-off donation, through regular giving, or by fundraising for charity, your donation matters. Every donation received adds up and helps charities get to work and make a positive difference.

[Donate](#)

January 2025 Network Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for this months submission is
Monday, January 13th, 2025 @ 4:00PM

What can you submit?

- Send us any information related to upcoming trainings, staff or volunteer highlights and shoutouts, programs, events, job postings, etc. that could be of interest to community organizations and their staff.

Submission Guidelines:

- Please submit either images and/or text exactly as you would like it to be included
- Word count of 200 words or less
- Two images per entry such as logo or poster. Either PNG or JPG
- Between 480 - 650 pixel image width and file size less than 5MB
- We can not attach videos, PDF's, Word/Excel files

Submit entries via email to
outreachcoordinator@nlhnh.org

Or by filling out our new form!

Newsletter Submissions

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