



Network News

February 2025

"None of us are home until all of us are home"



Wabush, NL

Network Updates

What's new with the Network?

How We're Helping our CAB's

Earlier this month we put out a call to our CAB members for 2 funding opportunities; The Capacity Building and Pancake Day Breakfast Grants. These grants are made available to our Community Advisory Boards from the NLHHN as an addition to their efforts working on housing and homelessness issues in their communities.

The Capacity Building funds are designed to help with activities that build knowledge, enhance partnerships and strengthen community capacity to address housing and homelessness in their regions.

Traditional, Pancake day breakfasts have been used as an event to raise funds and as an opportunity for public education for community group projects.

We are in the process of reviewing all applications received and are excited to see all the plans and work that CAB's are putting in place to offer to their communities.

For those that are wondering, we are anticipating that approved applications will be receiving their grants in early March!



Moving Forward

What's next for the NLHHN?

NLHHN 2025 Annual Conference: SAVE THE DATE

We are extremely excited to announce that we have confirmed dates for our 2025 Provincial Conference!

Tuesday October 7th - Thursday October 9th
Quality Inn, Gander, NL

formal registration will be available in the Spring

The conference will be open to members of our Network, partnering organizations and other stakeholders working towards addressing the housing and homelessness challenges. We still have our planning form available for you to have your say in what kinds of information and experiences you'd like to take away from this event. All feedback will be taken into consideration with our planning committee.

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

Labrador West Housing and Homelessness Coalition Inc.

"Our Community Advisory Board serves the Labrador West area. We have a part time coordinator who looks after our 10-unit apartment building as well as support the Housing support worker and the emergency homelessness shelter."

"Our board members consist of several frontline workers consisting of the local transition house, mental health & addictions (NL Health Services), Salvation army, as well as community members and the Town of Labrador City and Wabush."

"The LWHHC opened a 10-unit apartment building in 2016, and we have had almost 100% occupancy. This building houses the Housing support worker as well as a community space and laundry. We have different community organizations using the space as well as the HSW offers her clients and homeless individuals the use of our shower and laundry facilities as there isn't a laundromat for individuals to clean their clothing."

"With the increasing housing crisis in Labrador west we identified that there was an opportunity to provide a service to the residents of Labrador West. In 2022 we opened a 3-bed emergency shelter under funding from Reaching Home. As the needs have increased in the area we again are working with Reaching Home and

Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation to expand the shelter to a 7-bed facility."

Check out the Labrador West Housing and Homelessness Coalitions website for their contact information and for more information on what they're up to!

LWHHC
Website



GOOD NEWS STORY

Sharing a positive story from within the Network

Placentia Free Community Supper

On January 29th Placentia's Community Connections Housing Coalition had their Free Community Supper, open to the public that included a free turkey dinner with entertainment.

"We had about 200 people in attendance and with some sponsorships from the Port of Argentia and Placentia Age friendly. The goal was to bring the community together and provide some basic info on housing / homelessness issues in the area and talk about the work of the Coalition here. It was a great success and a way to break down



barriers and focus on reducing stigma"

We'll be sharing more of their exciting updates coming in April!



What's Happening

Special events happening within our Network

Labrador West Housing and Homelessness Coalition Pancake Day Breakfast



**MARCH 4TH is
National Pancake Day**

Join us for a FREE Pancake lunch
12-1pm

At the Legion in Wabush
& hear Gerard Murphy's story
Surrounding Homelessness
In Labrador West

Call (709)944-3757 to reserve your
seat. Space is limited so book early!



fasdNL Conference registration is officially open!

fasdNL is hosting From Lived Experience to Collective Action: Strengthening Community Responses to FASD, Substance Use and Harm Reduction in Atlantic Canada. Interested in attending our conference?

Event Dates: April 9th-11th, 2025

Location: The Lantern, St. John's, NL

Register now to get early bird pricing! <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/from-lived-experience-to-collective-action-strengthening-community-responses-to-fasd-substance-use-tickets-927366818117?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information, visit <http://www.fasdnl.ca/2025conference.html>.

Questions? Email contact@fasdnl.ca



Virtual Book Club

On Friday, February 21st Meghan Hollett, Affordable Housing and Development Facilitator with the City of St. John's, along with the Canadian Housing Renewal Association will be hosting a virtual book club to discuss

Home Truths: Fixing Canada's Housing Crisis

with the author Dr. Carolyn Whitzman in attendance.

Dr. Carolyn Whitzman is a distinguished housing & social policy researcher who sits on the federal government's Expert Panel on the Homebuilding Industry.

Attendees will include **Housing Professional Mentorship Program** mentees, researchers, community members spanning the country and anybody keen to better understand solutions for the current, Canadian housing crisis.

Everybody is welcome!

If you haven't already, grab a copy of the book, **sign up for the virtual event here**, and we will see you on Friday, Feb 21st at 3pm NST / 1:30pm EST / 10:30am PST.

Once you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the event and you can add it to your calendar.



CIHI Surveys on Mental Health and Substance Use


The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) has re-launched two mental health and substance use (MHSU) surveys to understand peoples' experiences accessing MHSU services.

These surveys are completely voluntary, and responses are kept anonymous. The surveys are available in English and French until May 17, 2025. Help us spread the word! Scan the QR code or access the Early Intervention and Navigation surveys linked. Share the surveys with your social networks, families, and friends!

Results from last year's surveys are available here:

- Navigation of Mental Health and Substance Use Services (age 15 and older)
- Early Intervention for Mental Health and Substance Use Among Children and Youth (age 13 to 24)


Thank you for your help with this important initiative. Contact hpspecialprojects@cihi.ca with any questions.

 Canadian Institute for Health Information

We're in this together

Help improve mental health and substance use services in Canada

Share your experience for the chance to win a \$100 gift card



From the Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador

The Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador has partnered with **Annex Consulting** to offer free support to two affordable housing projects in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Projects are eligible for one-on-one consultant support with:

- Organizational development to support developing housing
- Project visioning
- Navigating project feasibility with staff and volunteers
- Community Engagement and Municipal Development Navigation and Strategy
- Fund development planning and strategy
- Funding application preparation

Learn more and apply [here](#).

This is part of the NL Community Housing Resource Collaborative project supported with funding from the **Community Housing Transformation Centre**. This project seeks to understand the current capacity for nonprofit housing development in NL, including recommending and testing possible solutions.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NEW DATE:

**Thursday, March 27th 2025
12pm-1pm**

We will be offering a virtual and in-person option, with a luncheon for those able to attend in person.

Stay tuned for the registration!

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

Training Opportunities

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

Mental Health and Addictions: Facility and Services Information and Networking Session

Thursday March 19th, 9:00am - 11:30am

In partnership with NavNet, we are offering a session with NL Health Services representatives to learn about the new Mental Health facility and its programs and services, along with the Mobile Crisis Response Team and the Psychiatry Assessment Unit (PAU).

Register for the **virtual** information session below!

**REGISTER
HERE**



The Homelessness Learning Hub

The Homelessness Hub offers material that you can review and learn at your own pace.

Materials are based on best practices and evidence-based research on homelessness.

**Check out their learning material
here**

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

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation offers 24 grant and loan options. The eligibility, purpose and availability all vary.

There are funds available for building community housing facilities, repairs and upgrades to existing shelters, First Nation community specific and research and development stages!

Take a look at what they have available to help your projects.

CMHC Funding Opportunities

Regional Representation

Network and Board Of Directors



Our Community Advisory Boards are always growing and changing and looking for fresh new perspectives from professionals, Living and Lived Experiences or Community Volunteers.

We have multiple areas that will be starting their recruiting process in the coming weeks and months. Now is the time to start thinking about if your experience or role may be of benefit to the housing and homeless sector in rural and remote NL.

Stay tuned for more details to come directly from the Community Advisory Boards themselves.

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](#)

March 2025 Network Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for this months submission is Monday, March 17th, 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@nlhhn.org

Or by filling out our new form!

[Newsletter Submissions](#)

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