



Network News

November 2024

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

-Daniel Quinn



Corner Brook, NL

Network Updates

What's new with the Network?

Welcome to our new Outreach Coordinator, Samantha!

We are excited to welcome Samantha Penney to the network as our new Outreach Coordinator! Samantha comes to us with 10 years of customer service and volunteer experience and a passion for contributing to the development of her communities. She will be a great asset to our organization and we can't wait to see how she helps us grow and connect with our Community Advisory Boards!

Feel free to reach out to her anytime with any questions or concerns.

She can be reached at outreachcoordinator@nlhnh.org or (709)290-3157



Moving Forward

What's next for the NLHHN?

Our Strategic Plan is coming soon!



Our strategic plan is in its final stages and we're excited to show you what our plans for the future will look like!

Our goal moving forward is to be the centralized point of connection for the services our CABs offer. We aim to be a resource database for all organizations within our CAB networks for supporting housing and homelessness issues in rural and remote Newfoundland and Labrador.

Stay tuned for more updates to come!

Training Assessment

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

We recently partnered with NavNet to provide an opportunity to learn about Supporting the Supporters; learning about Psychological Health & Safety and Burnout, Vicarious Trauma and Compassion Fatigue.



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

Community Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (CCHH)

The CCHH is comprised of a number of community based organizations, governmental representatives and concerned individuals.

Their objectives include:

- Increasing awareness of housing and homelessness issues within the region through community events, presentations to organizations/service groups, social media and print materials
- Advocating for systemic changes to improve positive outcomes on behalf of individuals experiencing housing and homelessness issues
- Support housing stabilization through financial support to individuals/families in the region
- Encouraging collaborative affordable housing development projects within the region



“Through such work, we hope to empower individuals who are dealing with homelessness and support policy changes that will prevent people from becoming

homeless.”



The CCHH services the area of Deer Lake to Corner Brook and the Bay of Islands area.

They have two co-chairs representing the organizations:

Paula Sheppard: (709)639-8522 or cbwomenscentre@gmail.com

Jade Kearley: (709)634-4117 or cmhi.iac@gmail.com

GOOD NEWS STORY

Sharing a positive story from within the Network

CCHH participating in research to maintain housing stability

The CCHH was involved in a housing research project with Grenfell Campus, Memorial University, funded in part by the Government of Canada through Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy. This study found that there is not enough affordable housing in western Newfoundland to meet the demand, including for low-income earners and the post-secondary student population.





In order to address housing challenges, service providers recommended:

- an increase in income support rates;
- more shelter spaces (including for men);
- providing assistance to landlords to avail of programs available through Health and others;
- more direct-funding programs to assist with emergency housing needs; and,
- increased publicity for existing housing programs and services.

Click **here** to see the full report

Through their fundraising efforts, the CCHH is able to offer financial support to individuals to maintain housing stability (utility arrears, rental arrears, damage deposit, etc.).

For more information, please call 388-4000.

For more information about the CCHH, please call or email:

(709) 639-8522 or (709) 634-4117

cbwomenscentre@gmail.com or **cmhi.iac@gmail.com**

What's Happening

Special events happening within our Network



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@nlhnhn.org

National Housing Day

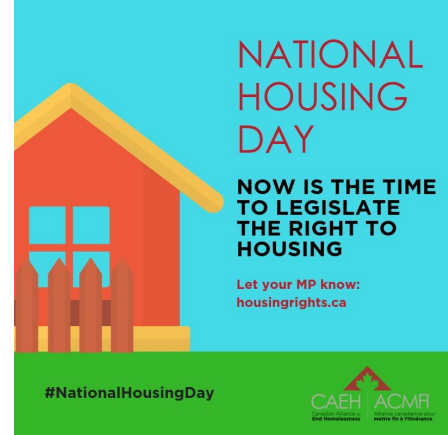
November 22nd

is a day of affordable housing advocacy to raise awareness about housing and homelessness.

Events are being held all across Canada and NLHHN would like to know what Rural and Remote NL is doing.

Share your plans with us, we want to tell the Network. Email outreachcoordinator@nlhnhn.org

For more information on National Housing Day click here **National Housing Day**



Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

Young Artist Program Holiday Card Contest 2024



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Young Artist Program

Holiday Card Contest 2024

We are looking for **YOUR** art to be on the cover of our Holiday Card this year!

We are inviting **all** young people throughout Newfoundland and Labrador to submit their original artwork to our Holiday Card Contest.

- All entries must be received by December 9, 2024.
- All artwork must be the original creation of the young person.
- Please keep in mind the artwork must fit the dimensions of a card.
(Preferably 5.5 in x 8.5 in **or** 8.5 in x 11 in)
- All those who submit artwork will receive a certificate from our office.
- As this is a special contest under the Young Artist Program, only the young artists of the selected artwork will receive a prize pack.
- Entries can be submitted by email (photo or scan of the art) or in person.

Email: office@ocya.nl.ca

In-Person: 20 Crosbie Place, St. John's

***Please include the Young Person's Name, Age, and Contact Information.**

Parental/guardian permission is required for anyone under 16 years of age.

(The permission form is attached)



**Click here for the Permission
Form**

NL Nonprofit Housing Capacity Survey



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Capacity challenges for current or potential nonprofit housing providers have been identified for many years as a barrier to increasing and sustaining nonprofit housing in the province.

The **Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador** has been working with **Annex Consulting** throughout this year to understand and address these capacity challenges. We're grateful for funding from the Community Housing Transformation Centre to continue this over the next number of months.

We're conducting a **survey** of current or potential nonprofit housing providers in Newfoundland and Labrador as part of this project. We'll also be conducting interviews throughout the Fall and collecting data from funders of nonprofit housing in the province.

The survey is intended to be completed by current or potential nonprofit housing providers. As leaders in the sector, we'd really appreciate your support in filling out **this survey** and sharing it with others. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, November 29. We expect the survey to take 15-20 minutes to complete.

Findings from this research will be shared in Spring 2025. You can reach out to Margaret Aligbe at maligbe@cfnl.ca if you have any questions about the project or want to get further involved.

<https://forms.gle/ik56KU3Sgd3yYmBk8>



"Call for Abstracts and Proposals for fasdNL"

fasdNL is hosting a conference in 2025. The theme is "From Lived Experience to Collective Action: Strengthening Community Responses to FASD, Substance Use, and Harm Reduction in Atlantic Canada".

Event Dates: April 9th-11th, 2025

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

We welcome abstract and presentation proposals from people with lived experience,

researchers, and community service providers as well as graduate students and emerging scholars.

Interested in presenting at the conference?

You can now submit your presentation abstract for consideration. Due to the scope of this conference, only presentations focusing on Atlantic Canada will be considered.

Proposal Submission Deadline: December 13th, 2024

Submit your abstract

here: <https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/stages/75811/submitter>

A short video guide for using Oxford Abstracts submission system can be found on our website via the link below.

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

Questions? Email contact@fasdnl.ca

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FASD 101
Introduction to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
Learn more about FASD! In this course we cover the basics of FASD, alcohol & pregnancy, prevention, diagnosis, challenges, stigma, strengths, strategies for success, & FASD in Atlantic Canada.

MONEY SPENDING AND FINANCIAL PLANNING
An Introduction for Individuals with Neurodiversities
In this course, we introduce some of the core concepts of money, spending, budgeting, and saving along with additional resources with further information. This course is designed to be a beginner course for individuals who are neurodiverse.

FASD PREVENTION & CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ALCOHOL
An Introduction to Discussing Alcohol Use and FASD Prevention
Learn about FASD prevention and conversations about alcohol with our minicourse! You will learn about FASD, alcohol consumption, pregnancy, how alcohol use is intertwined with experiences of trauma and how to talk to someone about their alcohol use.

FASD 101
An Introductory Training
Accredited Version for Social Workers
This 2-credit reading-based course was developed for social workers. In this course, we cover the basics of FASD, alcohol use and pregnancy, prevention, diagnosis, challenges, stigma, strengths, strategies for success and the landscape of FASD.

L'UTILISATION D'ALCOOL ET LA PRÉVENTION DU TSAF
Une introduction à la discussion sur la consommation d'alcool et la prévention du TSAF
Bienvenue! Vous allez apprendre sur le TSAF, la consommation d'alcool, les grossesses, les liens entre la consommation d'alcool et les expériences traumatiques ainsi que les manières de parler à quelqu'un de leur consommation.

Hosted by: THINKIFIC

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.rhrnl.ca

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

Ryan Johnson rhadmin@rhrnl.ca
Jennifer Quigley jennifer@rhrnl.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@nlhnh.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](#)

December 2024 Network Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for this months submission is
Monday, December 9th, 2024 @ 4:30PM

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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