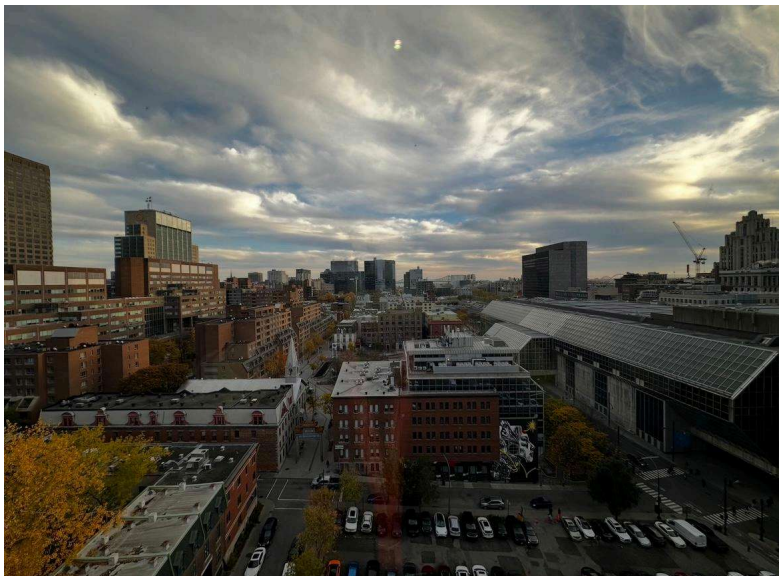




Network News

November 2025

"Housing is not a commodity, it's a human right. It's the foundation for life, dignity, and equality."
- Leilani Farha (Former UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing)



Montreal, QC

Network Updates

What's new with the Network?

Welcome back to our monthly newsletter! We've had such a busy Summer and Fall season with so much information being thrown your way. We wanted to take some time to

focus on the conference and connecting with the most valuable information at that time, but we're so excited to start sharing our regular updates with you again! Get ready for some blog style stories, what we're up to and events happening within our communities!

Big Ideas. Small Places. gathering and the CAEH2025 National Conference on Ending Homelessness

This past month we were beyond fortunate and grateful to attend two very impactful, rewarding and educational events.

The Purposeful Group hosted a group of individuals in Bonavista for the **big ideas. small places.** rural gathering where we talked about everything rural and remote Newfoundland and Labrador; how communities have rebuilt themselves, what drives their passions and how these communities stay sustainable during challenges. It was inspiring to see the wonderful, creative success the Bonavista Peninsula has managed to achieve, maintain AND attract! We'd be lying if we said we didn't LOVE all the food and sweets we got to enjoy, but the conversations and connections we made were so heart warming and inspiring.

This visit left us with the reassurance that with some creativity and the need for collaboration, there's nothing holding rural communities back from obtaining economic, housing, community goals!



Our fantastic group! - Thanks Tom Cochrane for capturing moments from this excursion around the bay!



The panelists! - Thanks Tom Cochrane for capturing moments from this excursion around the bay!



Thank you Chelsey and Team for organizing such a unique, fun and overall fantastic event!



You never know who you're gonna run into! So great to catch up with Jen (CFY) and Doug (EHSJ)!

Just last week we also got to attend the **Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness' 2025 National Conference on Ending Homelessness**. This was an incredible, eye opening experience where over 2300 people gathered in Montreal to learn about new technologies being used to addressing housing instability and homelessness, new funding and

partnership models, development ideas and tools that can be applied to make day to day coordinating and tasks easier.

We got to catch up with some local friends, re-connect with some presenters we hosted earlier this month in Gander, and meet some new faces we've been so excited to connect with!

Sherri attended sessions such as Artificial Intelligence in Homelessness Response, Leading Forward: Empowering the leaders of tomorrow to end homelessness today, Building Collaborative Leadership with Intention, Strengthening Renter Rights Across Canada: From Policy to Action, and Partners in progress: how elected officials and advocates can collaborate to create change.

Samantha was excited to learn about how AI was being used in organizations day to day operations and research, how other regions collaborate to have true coordinated access to services and how people in rural communities are working together to find solutions against stigma and other immediate community concerns.

We sat in on plenaries and inspiring keynote speeches from Canadian musician Steven Page, advocate and organizer Loretta Ross and PhD student with Lived Experience Jessie Thistle. Hearing their stories of real life resilience and overcoming challenges was emotional; they made us laugh, think and question what is within our power for change.



A fantastic few days getting to hang out with Krista Loveless, Housing Support Worker in Carbonear!



Had to take in a few of the tourist sites! Can you spot all 3 of us?

These events are fantastic to learn new perspectives and ideas. They give you a chance to think outside of the box that we get so comfortable in. They provide the opportunity to connect and chat with others that simply get it. We are always so grateful to attend events like these as we learn so much and feel a sense of collective renewed energy.

Who's planning to head to CAEH2026 in Winnipeg?

Moving Forward

What's next for the NLHHN?

Collective Advocacy Plan: First Steps

Now that we have the highlights of our Collective Advocacy Plan collected from "From Navigation to Action: Strategies and Solutions for Success", it's time to start the Action!

We will start by taking the suggested issues and researching the roadblocks and solutions from other areas. Determining examples that have worked and not worked. Connecting with government and elected officials that hold these responsibilities and looking at all perspectives.

If you feel that there is information or perspectives that you would like us to consider in this plan, please reach out and we'd love to chat!

[Email Us](#)

Initial reaction to Budget 2025: Canada Strong

The Federal budget was released November 4th and we took some time to read through the information and digest what that might look like in the housing and homelessness realm.

The promise of \$13billion over 5 years under Build Canada Homes sounds very hopeful. While it's too early to know what that will look like on a Provincial scale, we are happy to see a re-evaluation of CMHM resources and programs to align with what is important to drive real impact in our communities!

GOOD NEWS STORY

Sharing a positive story from within the Network

More vocal and ready to share your perspectives

Over the past few weeks our Executive Director, Sherri Chippett has been speaking with multiple journalists to share the stories and perspectives of rural and remote NL efforts.

Check out the interview with [Bay FM](#), [The Canadian Press](#) and [The Independent](#) here!

What's Happening

Special events happening within our Network

2026 Community Ideas Festival

CMHA - NL is offering FREE trainings in the Central region for newcomers, folks working with newcomers, employers etc.

✨ The **Community Ideas Festival 2024** was a huge success — bringing people together from across Newfoundland & Labrador to learn, connect, and spark change.

Now, we're reimagining the 2026 edition, and we want to hear from you! 🗣️

📊 Share your ideas by November 14 through our **short survey** and help shape the future of the Festival



Housing and Homelessness Hub



The Housing and Homelessness Hub (HHH)
invite you to

A Community Conversation: Housing, Hope, and Action

Please join us for an afternoon
with the HHH. We will share
about the organization, our
current project, and highlight
our partnerships.

Refreshments
to be included.

 Date & Time:

November 20th, 2025

1:30PM-3:30PM

 Location:

Evangel Pentecostal Church

130 Magee Road, Gander, NL

If you wish to attend, please respond to this invitation no later than
November 12th, by emailing pastorkimberly@thecrossingchurch.ca



Community Sector Council NL - Marystown Well Being Fair

Join us for the Community Well-Being Fair, hosted by CSCNL in partnership with Newfoundland & Labrador Health Services. Proudly supported by the Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation.



18 NOV
11:30AM-4:30PM

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING FAIR

ST. GABRIEL'S HALL, MARYSTOWN

Come learn about programs and services that contribute to overall well-being for all ages!

11:30am-12:30pm Opening Ceremonies
12:30-4:30pm Well-Being Fair

***FREE & FAMILY FRIENDLY**

OPENING CEREMONIES
11:30AM-12:30PM
*Guest Speakers
*Refreshments
*Community Connections

For more information:
lindseyhynes@cscnl.ca



Event Highlights:

11:30am-12:30pm Opening Ceremonies

No registration required. Refreshments and special guest speakers. More info to come!

12:30-4:30pm Community Well-Being Fair

Drop in anytime to discover free programs and services for all ages! This family-friendly event is FREE and open to everyone.

Come connect with our community partners and learn about their programs & services that contribute to well-being!

See list below.

211NL/ United Way Newfoundland and Labrador

Burin Peninsula Brighter Futures

Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation

Burin Peninsula Voice Against Violence

Burin Peninsula Supported Employment Services

Community Sector Council NL

Community Youth Network, Grand Bank

Department of Social Supports and Well-Being, Gov of NL

Food First NL

Grace Sparkes House

Marystown YMCA

NL Prostate Cancer Support Groups

NLHS Advance Health Care Planning

NLHS Access to Care

NLHS Cancer Screening

NLHS Mental Health & Addictions

NLHS Physical Activity

Service Canada

Safe Works Access Program (SWAP)

SeniorsNL

Smallwood Crescent Community Centre

Town of Marystown

If you are a community group interested in joining us, please fill out this form:

<https://cscnl.ca/community-well-being-fair-table.../>

Follow us on:

Facebook: Community Sector Council Newfoundland & Labrador

Instagram: @cscnlcanada

Twitter: @CSCNL

If you have questions, contact Lindsey Hynes at lindseyhynes@cscnl.ca

Community Outreach and Liaison Services (COLS)-Service Canada

You are invited to attend a **20-minute webinar** hosted by *Service Canada's Community Outreach and Liaison Services (COLS)*, tailored specifically for **Service Referral Initiative (SRI) partners**.

This one-time session is designed to equip you with practical tools to better support your clients in accessing federal benefits and services.

What you'll learn:

- **What is the OSC and SRI? Overview of the Outreach Support Centre (OSC) and how the Service Referral Initiative (SRI) works**
- **Referral types: Learn about the different types of referrals available and when to submit an SRI referral based on your client's specific needs.**
- **What is CARES? Understand the Client Assistance Referral and Enquiry Service (CARES) and when to request a warm transfer to CRA**
- **Walkthrough of the SRI portal: Step-by-step guide on how to submit SRI referrals.**

Upcoming sessions:

- November 19: 11 a.m. (EN) – **Register**
- November 19: 2 p.m. (EN) – **Register**
- November 27: at 2 p.m. (EN) – **Register**

Location: Online via MS Teams (link provided upon registration)



From Community Housing Transformation Centre

***Webinar: Tools and tactics for navigating housing predevelopment:
The Phoenix experience***

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. AT

This webinar will share Phoenix Youth Programs' experience of the predevelopment of a new multi-service housing centre for youth.

Designed to provide insights for organizations pursuing similar initiatives, it will reflect on both the challenges and successes encountered along the way. The session will explore key aspects of the project process (including factors in site identification, setting a common vision, designing committees, risk analysis, and space considerations).

Speakers are Mel Sturk, Director of organizational development at Phoenix Youth Programs, and Benjie Nycum, CEO at Nycum + Associates.

[Registration link](#)



Community Housing
Transformation Centre

Centre de transformation
du logement communautaire

From Rural Development Network

The Rural Development Network is hosting the National Housing Day Conference on **November 20** a virtual event bringing together innovators, community leaders, and experts who are reimagining housing.

Discover **bold, creative solutions** — from **tiny homes and co-ops** to **land trusts and modular builds** — that are transforming how we think about housing. Gain insights from **real projects, practical lessons**, and **visionary ideas** you can bring back to your own community.



Why Attend

- Hear from housing experts, policymakers, and community leaders
- Explore real-world strategies for affordable and sustainable housing
- Connect with professionals dedicated to housing equity
- Gain insights into future-focused housing models

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM MST

Location: Virtual on Zoom

General admission: \$100

[!\[\]\(3b2dcacf48e43c80086616b9c3042b47_img.jpg\) Register Today](#)

Be part of the conversation that will shape the future of housing in Canada. Let's rethink housing and build something better, together.

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](#)

December 2025 Network Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for this months submission is
Monday, December 1st, 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!

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