



Network News

April 2026

“Supporting the education and ongoing competency of frontline and community-based health workers is essential to building resilient health systems.”

— World Health Organization



Exploits River, Grand Falls-Windsor NL
Photo courtesy of Herman High

Network Updates

What's new with the Network?

Media Appearance

Our community of Grand Falls-Windsor has experienced a series of very traumatic losses over the last few weeks, including some unfortunate instances of Intimate Partner Violence. Our thoughts and love are with all the victims families during this time of grief and loss.

NTVs Colleen Lewis was in to chat with Housing Resource Coordinator, Mark Gray, and NLHHN Executive Director, Sherri Chippett, about resources in our community.

If you didn't catch the interview on tv, you can see the story and their interview here:

NTV News Report

Those who have been impacted in any way are encouraged to reach out for support and resources.

Moving Forward

What's next for the NLHHN?

NavNet Information and Networking Session: Provincial Housing Resources

We're excited to announce our first NLHH + NavNet Information and Networking Session of 2026!

Join us for four dynamic presentations from municipalities, community leaders, and housing providers to learn about housing resources and initiatives across Newfoundland and Labrador.

Hear from representatives of the City of St. John's, Choices for Youth, Connections for Seniors, and NL Housing Corporation as they share updates, innovative programs, and insights aimed at supporting individuals experiencing housing instability and homelessness.

A brief Q&A session will follow the presentations.

When: Wednesday, May 20th | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Where: Zoom

This session is ideal for anyone in a support or service role who wants to better assist clients—or anyone interested in learning how community leaders are addressing housing challenges across our province.

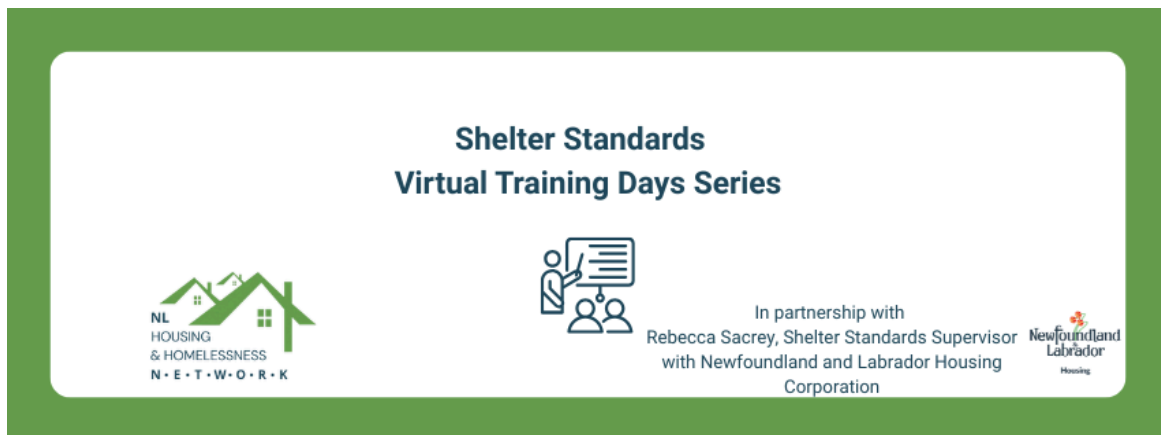
Register here to save your spot:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/.../reg.../CKV5NcnTTbKu_Npwo4ntpw...

We look forward to an informative morning and inspiring conversations!



Supporting our Seniors and Older Populations



We are thrilled to announce the first in a series of Virtual Training Days to support the ongoing education of shelter workers and operators, Housing Support Workers, Social Workers and any other Frontline-Supporting Staff!

In partnership with Rebecca Sacrey, Shelter Standards Supervisor with Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, we have created the first event in what will be a regular series of training opportunities for staff to take part in that will compliment the recommended Core Competencies laid out in the Shelter Standards.

Join us on May 13th and 14th (virtually via Teams Webinars) for "Supporting our Seniors and Older Populations" where you will have the opportunity to take in various presentations and trainings designed around educating on the unique needs and special resources for older adults in our communities.

With 2 full days of material from community groups and government entities, you can pick and choose which sessions spark your interest and those that are relevant to your work.

Shelter Standards Virtual Training Day Series

Wednesday, May 13th

- 9:00 - 10:00** Introduction to SeniorsNL
- 10:30-12:00** Elder Abuse
- 12:15-12:45** **Lunch & Learn:** A Third Space, Your Place: Resources for Seniors at NL Public Libraries
- 1:00-2:30** Adult Protection and the Duty to Report
- 2:30-4:00** Seniors and the Stress Response



Shelter Standards Virtual Training Day Series

Thursday, May 14th

- 9:00 - 10:00** Understanding Dementia
- 10:30-11:30** Recognizing Responsive Behaviours
- 12:00-1:00** **Lunch & Learn:** Grief and Loss in Frontline Care
- 1:30-2:30** Becoming a Dementia-Friendly Organization
- 3:00-4:00** Community Support Program: Supports for Seniors



Check out the full details on our website and the agenda to sign up for any and all sessions you'd like to take in:

[Supporting Our Seniors and Older Populations - NL Housing and Homelessness Network](#)

We look forward to sharing this time with you in May and thank our presenters for their interest and willingness to take part!

GOOD NEWS STORY

Sharing a positive story from within the Network

From the Choices for Youth

Becket Western NL opened April 1st, 2026

Becket is Newfoundland and Labrador's province-wide network of Integrated Youth Services (IYS) hubs — a significant step in providing low-barrier, youth-centered support to make it easier for young people to access the care and support they need — all in one place. Grounded in collaboration and co-design with young people and families, IYS is a national best practice model, with hubs operational or in development in every province and territory.

Building on international best practices and the successful model that Choices for Youth has long operated in St. John's, each Becket hub site is designed to enhance long-term outcomes for youth by offering on-site primary care, mental health services, housing supports, employment support, and community connection.

The first new hub outside of St. John's is **Becket Western NL**, operated by **Vine Place Community Centre** in Corner Brook where services began on April 1, 2026.

We send our biggest congratulations to the teams involved! We can't wait to see IYS spread across the province!



What's Happening

Special events happening within our Network

Communities Idea Festival



Across Newfoundland and Labrador, many community organizations are navigating the same realities—limited capacity, fewer volunteers, and increasing demand for services. For many, the challenge isn't just continuing the work -it's sustaining it.

The Community Ideas Festival (CIF) (April 29–May 1) is designed as a response to these challenges. Bringing together nonprofit leaders, staff, volunteers, and partners from across the province, CIF focuses on practical solutions - what's working, what can be adapted, and how organizations can move forward in more sustainable ways.

Sessions will explore key areas such as volunteer recruitment and retention, workforce capacity, and revenue diversification, including approaches like social enterprise. Just as important, the festival creates space to connect with others facing similar realities and share ideas that can be put into action right away.

CIF will be offered both in person in St. John's and virtually, with subsidies available to support participation from organizations across the province.

 Learn more or register: [Click Here](#)

Launch of SpacesShared



SpacesShared is an intergenerational homesharing platform that connects local older adults who have a spare room with post-secondary students who need a safe, affordable place to live. For homeowners, it means extra income, a helping hand, and great company. For students at MUN, College of the North Atlantic, Keyin College and Academy Canada it means a verified, affordable home with someone who genuinely cares.

SpacesShared handles the matching, the agreements, the payments, and the support — every step of the way.

Newfoundlanders have been opening their homes for generations. SpacesShared simply makes it official.

Check out their full press release here - [SpacesShared Press Release](#)

Tamarack Institute: Community Building - Workshops and Webinars



TAMARACK WEBINAR

What would it take to make income security a reality for everyone?

Join us for a series of critical conversations leading up to **2026 Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN) Congress**. This free two-part webinar series will take place Wednesday, April 23rd and July 22nd from 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET and will explore the future of basic income in Canada and beyond.

[Register Now](#)

Part One

April 23 | 1:00 - 2:00pm EDT | Canadian Context for Basic Income

Join the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction alongside former Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, University of Manitoba economist and author Dr. Evelyn Forget, Kwame Mackenzie from Wellesley Institute, Dr. Wayne Lewchuk and Senator Kim Pate, in addition to former basic income pilot participants.

Part Two

July 22, 2026 | 1:00 - 2:00pm EDT | International Polycrises and Context for Basic Income

Join the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction alongside international economists, authors, doctors and other specialists in basic income from across the globe. Guests to be announced in May.

[Register Now](#)

All registrants will receive a recording of the webinar after the session, so even if you can't make it - be sure to register!

We hope to see you soon.

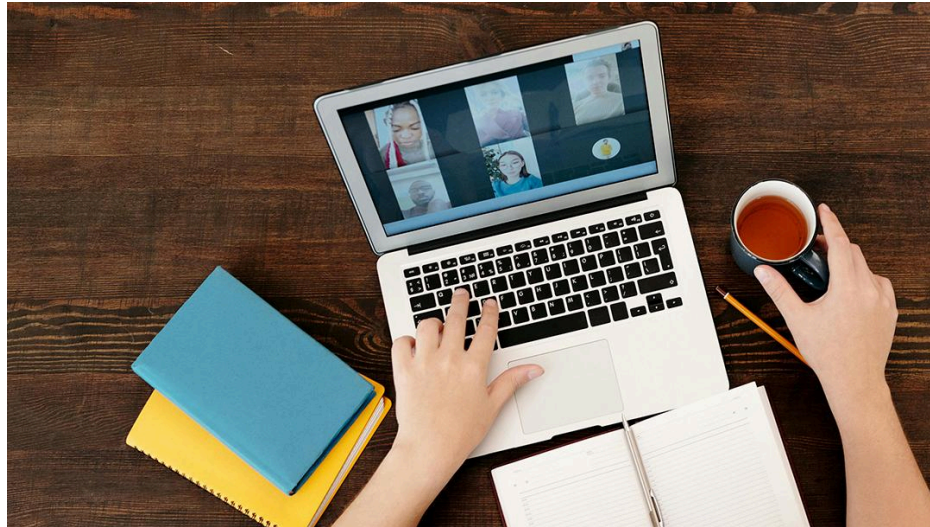
The Tamarack Team

The **Centre Knowledge Sharing Series** is a journey into the very best of Canadian community housing.

It explores proven models and highlights the people who make them possible, while offering practical tools, bold strategies, and inspiring stories that help organizations achieve their goals.

The series also builds the momentum needed to advance Canada's **20% sector growth target**.

Join our learning activities and explore our content to turn promising ideas into lasting impact from coast to coast to coast.



April 23rd, 2026

1pm-2pm

Virtual Event

Save money with energy-efficient retrofits and construction

[View more here](#)

April 23rd, 2026

1pm-2pm

Virtual Event

Consolidating to secure the future the future of organizations and the housing stock: Strategies from Eastern Quebec

[View more here](#)



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This study titled “Canadian Women Veterans Experiencing Homelessness: Current State and Suggested Solutions” is looking to explore the current situation for homelessness among Women Veterans and create guidelines to provide better support.

We define “Veteran” as anybody who has completed basic training in the Canadian Armed Forces or RCMP.

We would like to invite you to take part in a trauma-informed interview if:

- You have past/current experience of homelessness,
- You are a Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces and/or RCMP,
- You are a woman.

The interview:

- Has some questionnaires and an open discussion on your thoughts and opinions.
- Usually takes less than 1 hour.
- Can also be done via Zoom or telephone.
- In appreciation of your time, a small financial gift will be given.

Have your story heard and help create improvements for others!

Want to learn more or have any questions? Please contact:

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View more info about the research project [here](#)

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](#)

May 2026 Network Newsletter Submissions

The deadline for this months submission is
Thursday, May 15th, 2026 @ 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

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