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My Home, My Choice Forum

Forging Ahead: Successes & Challenges

Options for people & families living with disabilities in Windsor & Essex County

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

8:30 am – 1:30 pm

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1800 North Service Road East

Windsor, Ontario



Inform. Inspire. Engage. We all have a part to play. Affordable, accessible housing is a community issue - it belongs to all of us. See how people, families, stakeholders and collaborators continue to advance individualized home options that contribute to an inclusive community. Join us to discover more about:

- **Our community:** a picture of who needs affordable housing and what has been happening to make a difference in Windsor and Essex County;
- **Inspirational stories:** how people and families have worked with various stakeholders in Windsor-Essex to create an innovative, tailored home option with long term sustainability;
- **Best practices in creating inclusive 'housing by design':** hear the commitment and innovation of local developers for creating such spaces in Windsor and Essex County;
- **Things to consider when forging ahead:** a keynote address designed for people, families, and community stakeholders involved in developing, choosing and supporting individualized home options.

Please RSVP no later than March 18. Space is limited!

Register one of three ways:

Online: <https://windsor-essexfamnet.ca/upcoming-events/>

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. | Registration and Refreshments |
| 9:00 – 9:10 a.m. | Greetings – <i>County of Essex, City of Windsor, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)</i> |
| 9:10 – 9:15 a.m. | Opening Comments - <i>Michelle Friesen, Windsor-Essex Family Network</i> |
| 9:15 – 9:35 a.m. | A Picture Profile: Understanding Who - <i>Colleen Mitchell, Facilitator, Windsor-Essex Brokerage for Personal Supports and Anthony Passarelli, Senior Market Analyst, CMHC</i> Setting the stage for the day's conversation, Colleen and Anthony will share data to assist in our understanding of the challenges some people experience meeting their identified needs. Anthony will present a snapshot showing the correlation between income levels and what it costs for housing in Windsor-Essex. |
| 9:35 – 9:55 a.m. | Collaborating for Affordable Housing in Windsor and Essex County , <i>Debbie Cercone, City of Windsor</i> The City of Windsor is leading the implementation of the 10 year affordable housing and homelessness plan. Hear Debbie's reflection on some of the successes throughout the last year. Debbie will introduce the City's role in an innovative project entitled: Continuing Housing Innovation in Windsor-Essex. |
| 9:55 – 10:20 a.m. | A Family Story , <i>participant with the Continuing Housing Innovation in Windsor-Essex project</i> One person and family share their unique journey toward an innovative, individualized home option. Key themes: voicing the dream; family support for the person's dream; independent facilitation to help with the 'how' - exploring information and possibilities; inspiration from others, sharing the vision with community stakeholders/professionals in key roles; finding/developing/working on the 'right' ingredients. |
| 10:20 – 10:35 a.m. | Networking Break |
| 10:35 – 11:20 a.m. | Housing by Design, Windsor-Essex Experiences - <i>a panel discussion with local housing developers facilitated by Jamie Shipley, CMHC Knowledge Transfer</i> The local builders/developers on this panel have each taken a leadership role when it comes to: inclusive housing design, adaptable living spaces, built form and accessibility. There will be lots to learn from their conversation about: best practices, features relating to adaptability, aging-in-place, welcoming design and more |
| 11:20 – 12:20 p.m. | Planning Ahead for Housing Options: Things to Consider , <i>Brendon Pooran, PooranLaw</i> Key note speaker Brendon Pooran, whose legal practice specializes in disability-related issues, including the security of home, will highlight promising approaches of interest to people, families and other stakeholders. Building on key messages from the forum, Brendon will offer considerations about what else can be done so that individual, affordable housing options become sustainable, secure homes over the long term (whether renting, purchasing or renovating.) Things like: What have we learned that can make a difference? What do housing trusts, 'microboard-like arrangements' and RDSPs have in common and how do they help? How can rights be best protected -- in rental arrangements and beyond? How can we support a person's decision and desires? The session will include some time for questions and answers. |
| 12:20 – 12:30 p.m. | Closing Remarks |
| 12:30 – 1:30 pm | Door Prizes, Networking Lunch and Video – A short DVD will be played during lunch highlighting another unique local story told by the person and family. |