

Why a Poverty Reduction Summit? Why Now?



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Today's Panelists



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Poverty Reduction in Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington

The poverty action plan focuses on 5 areas of poverty reduction

Highlights from 2014 include...

- Mapping educational supports
- Development of a Poverty Impact Assessment tool to assist with policy review
- Introduced a 10-year Municipal Housing and Homelessness Plan
- Subsidized transit for new employees
- Enhanced the “My Kingston” Municipal Fee Assistance Program card



Poverty Reduction in New Brunswick

First Plan: 2009-2013

Second Plan: 2014-2019

The plan embraces diversity, focuses on community engagement, and brings all sectors to the table in a collaborative effort.

Economic and Social Inclusion Plan pillars:

- **Community empowerment**- networking, volunteering, communication, development
- **Learning**- child and youth education, adult education, training and preparation for work
- **Economic Inclusion**- participation in the labour market
- **Social Inclusion**- food security, health and transportation

"...everyone is part of the solution"



Ensemble pour vaincre
la pauvreté
Overcoming Poverty **Together**

Poverty Reduction in Hamilton

Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction

The community's response to unacceptable levels of poverty

Goal: To make Hamilton the best place to raise a child

'Speak Now Hamilton', Speakers Bureau

Stories worth hearing

- The voice of lived experience
- Shifting attitudes
- Promoting diversity
- Enhancing awareness of local poverty issues



Bringing it all together... what next?





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Living Wage Leaders Gathering 2015

Date: May 5, 2015

Location: Ottawa, ON

Poverty Reduction Summit

Date: May 6-8, 2015

Location: Ottawa, ON



Hamilton Neighbourhood Action Strategy

Date: April 30, 2015

Location: Webinar



Neighbours: Policies and Programs

Date: June 8-10, 2015

Location: Hamilton, ON

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