

# searching for home

a national forum on policy, practices and innovations in building and sustaining real homes for people with intellectual disabilities



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1763 comox street  
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Home is much more than where we live. Home is a place where we like to be, a place where we feel comfortable, safe and in control. It is a place where we can create our own personal environment and enjoy family and friends. Our homes root us in community and add to our identity. This forum will address the barriers people with intellectual disabilities face as they search for home in community.

## Thursday, January 26

### 9:00 a.m. Introduction and welcoming remarks

**Laurie Larson**, President, Canadian Association for Community Living

**Annette Delaplace**, President, BC Association for Community Living

### 9:20 Real homes in community - the experiences of self advocates

Moderated by **Catherine Rodgers**, People First of Canada

● **David Weremy**, People First of Canada ● **Shelly DeCoste**, Co-Chair, BCACL Self Advocacy Caucus ● **Colleen Mosimann**, BCACL Self Advocacy Caucus ● **Michael McLellan**, BCACL Self Advocacy Caucus

### 10:15 Break

### 10:30 Advocating for change - perspectives from housing advocates

Moderated by **Kim Lyster**

**Cam Dore**, Canadian Co-Housing Federation ● **Jill Atkey**, Research Director, BC Nonprofit Housing Association ● **Maggie Pierce**, realtor specializing in community living ● **Rider Coe**, Citywide Housing Coalition

### 11:30 Keynote Address

**Michael Prince**, Landsdowne Professor of Social Policy at the University of Victoria and Co-Principal researcher with the Council of Canadians with Disabilities

### 12:15 p.m. Lunch

### 1:15 - 2:30 Access, Affordability and Inclusion - Breakout Sessions

#### Finding out, getting out, staying out

*A panel presentation of PFC-CACL Joint Task Force on the Right to Live in Community*

People attending this workshop will learn about deinstitutionalization efforts across Canada over the past 10 years and the government policies that are making it hard for people to live good lives in community. Panelists will talk about the personal challenges and successes they have faced in getting good homes in community.

#### **Representatives from the Joint Task Force:**

- **Catherine Rodgers** ● **David Weremy**
- **Peter Bourne** ● **Barb Goode** ● **Don Gallant**
- **Laurie Larson** ● **Leo Garland**

#### Partners Old and New

*Creative Financing and Planning*

In this session panelists will explore financial options that allow people with intellectual disabilities to access and own homes in the community.

#### **Panelists include:**

- **Catherine Ludgate**, Manager, Community Investment, Vancity Credit Union
- **Maggie Vilvang**, Principal, The Venture
- **Andria Teather**, Vice President, Grants & Community Initiatives, Vancouver Foundation
- **Halldor Bjarnason**, LLB, Access Law Group
- **Maggie Pierce**, LLB, Realtor specializing in community living

2:30 p.m. **Break**

3:00 - 4:15 **Partners in Innovation - Breakout Sessions**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Provincial Perspectives on Innovation and Inclusion</b></p> <p>This session will provide a national scan of innovative solutions and unique barriers to change experienced in other areas of the country.</p> <p><i>Moderated by <b>Faith Bodnar</b></i></p> <p><b>Panelists include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Suzanne Pinard</b>, Quebec Association for Community Living</li> <li>● <b>Rose Flaig</b>, Community Living Manitoba</li> <li>● <b>Nicholas Fraser</b>, Saskatchewan Association for Community Living</li> <li>● <b>Julie Smith</b>, Prince Edward Island Association for Community Living</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inclusive and Innovative Models: Partnering for change</b></p> <p>This session will explore and describe how service providers in BC are building creative partnerships and developing inclusive housing models.</p> <p><i>Moderated by <b>Karen DeLong</b></i></p> <p><b>Panelists include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Cam Dore</b>, Executive Director, HOME Society</li> <li>● <b>Lee Miners</b>, Properties and Supplies Coordinator, AimHi, Prince George</li> <li>● <b>Richard Faucher</b>, Executive Director, Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion (BACI)</li> <li>● <b>Liz Barnett</b>, Executive Director, North Shore Disability Resource Centre</li> <li>● <b>Janice Barr</b>, Executive Director, Richmond Society for Community Living</li> </ul>
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**Friday, January 27 - innovation and support**

9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks and Plenary**

Opening remarks by **Faith Bodnar**, Executive Director, BC Association for Community Living and **Michael Bach**, Executive Vice President, Canadian Association for Community Living

9:30 **Keynote Address**

**Tim Stainton**, Director of the School of Social Work, University of British Columbia and Principal Investigator on the Community Living Research Project

10:15 **Break**

10:30 **Systems Change and Innovation**

**Doug Woollard**, Interim Chief Executive Officer & Vice President of Organizational Development, Community Living BC (CLBC)

10:55 **Rehabilitation Promises, Innovation Delivers**

**Norman Kunc**, Co-Director, Broadreach Training and Resources

11:15 **Envisioning, Advocating, Building - Families leading change**

*Moderated by **Laurie Larson***

Family Panel: **Doreen and Tony Shaw** ● **Rachelle Czerwinski** ● **Joan Rush**  
 ● **Leila Rahemtulla** ● **Catriona Johnson**

12:15 - 1:15 **Lunch**

Friday, January 27 (continued...)

1:15 - 2:30 **Making a House a Home - Breakout Sessions**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Best Practices in Shared Living</b></p> <p>In this session agencies will show how they are providing shared living services that result in strong, values-based relationships and support.</p> <p><i>Moderated by <b>Danielle Kelliher</b></i></p> <p><b>Panelists include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Ernie Baatz</b>, Spectrum Society for Community Living</li> <li>● <b>Richard Faucher</b>, Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion</li> <li>● <b>Dan Collins</b>, Langley Association for Community Living</li> <li>● <b>Sarah Bowman</b>, Nanaimo Association for Community Living</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Possibilities and Challenges</b> <i>Rolling with change</i></p> <p>This session will look at possibilities and challenges as families adapt to and plan for change.</p> <p><i>Moderated by <b>Jeremy Vis</b></i></p> <p><b>Panelists include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Cindy Frostad</b>, parent</li> <li>● <b>Annette Pope</b>, parent</li> <li>● <b>Tim Stainton</b>, Principal Investigator, Community Living Research Project, UBC.</li> <li>● <b>Ellen Tarshis</b>, Executive Director, Community Living Victoria</li> </ul>
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2:30 **Break**

3:00 - 4:30 **The Journey Home: Community Cafe and Closing**

Facilitated by Faith Bodnar, Executive Director, BC Association for Community Living

**How do we find home in community?**

- What are our challenges? What is in our way?
- What are our opportunities and possibilities?
- What can we do tomorrow?

*Closing remarks by Faith Bodnar and Michael Bach*

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