YOUR WINNIPEG IN 2030: MAKING POVERTY HISTORY

Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018 | 7-9 p.m.
The Power Corporation Atrium, University of Winnipeg Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex

United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal No. 1 is No Poverty by 2030. Ending poverty is no small task. We must recognize poverty is complex, multi-layered, and interconnected. We can be successful when all citizens see humanity in the face of poverty.

AGENDA
Welcome: Rick Frost, The Winnipeg Foundation
Sharer of Knowledge: Dr. Myra Laramee, Elder
Host: Eva Kovacs
Keynote: Andrea Burkhart, End Poverty Edmonton
Panel: Kirsten Bernas, Make Poverty History Manitoba
Al Wiebe, Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness
Jackie Anderson, Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata

Table Talk: Tables will be given one of three questions to discuss (see below). One person from each table group will be asked to share major ideas with the group.

TABLE TALK

QUESTION 1: Tables 1-5
Why do you think poverty rates remain so high despite people's best intentions? What can we do differently to end poverty going forward?

QUESTION 2: Tables 6 -10
Was there anything you heard tonight that is happening in Edmonton, or that you know is working in other cities, that you think would work here in Winnipeg?

QUESTION 3: Tables 11-14
If you had the choice of doing one major impactful thing to end poverty, what would it be?

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Information generated from tonight will be made available on
The Foundation’s website at wpgfdn.org/vitalsigns

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If you need help, please see a volunteer. For those without a smartphone, please use the paper provided on tables.

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MAKE POVERTY HISTORY MANITOBA
Human Rights and Needs

I moved into Pan Am Place the day I turned 18. Without it I would have been sleeping in churches, homeless shelters, empty buildings or public parks.

Pan Am Place provides me with food, entertainment, shelter and friendly staff members each day without fail. It also helped me get my first job. The individuals that constitute our society are also the responsibility of our society. People who are unable to obtain these human rights may grow up to be unhealthy, psychologically damaged, physically impaired, without social connections, in a state of dependence/lacking autonomy, and much more.

If an individual ends up with these issues, then not only will they be unable to exert themselves to their fullest potential, they’ll be more likely to become burdensome to society.

- Abraham Bwalya, a resident of Pan Am Place

RECIPIENT | Pan Am Place
GRANTS | $79,462, drawn from the Moffat Family Fund, which is a Donor-Advised Fund; the Nourishing Potential Fund; the Youth in Philanthropy Fund; and from The Foundation’s Employee Charitable Contribution Fund

Pan Am Place uses the principles of boxing and healthy living to teach young men the discipline it takes to win their battle against homelessness by providing a safe place to stay, nourishing food, mentorship and volunteer opportunities.

CITIZEN PRIORITIES

HOUSING
1. Increase supports for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
2. Improve the affordability of rental housing
3. Improve the affordability of home ownership

POVERTY
1. Provide increased opportunities to earn a living wage
2. Increase services that encourage and support transition into the workforce
3. Increase supports for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless

FOOD SECURITY
1. Increase access to affordable and nutritious food
2. Support programs to decrease food waste
3. Support policies and programs to reduce reliance on food banks

SAFETY
1. Provide gang prevention programs to youth and adults
2. Reduce incidence of family violence/domestic conflict
3. Increase neighbourhood watch programs

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### ACCESSING SERVICES
Many in the low-income community don’t access the services they’re entitled to because they don’t know what’s available. SEED Winnipeg’s Access to Benefits: Increasing Capacity & Reducing Barriers helps people take full advantage of benefits they deserve.

### MAKE WAY FOR MAMA BEAR
North Point Douglas Women’s Centre’s Mama Bear Clan patrols the streets twice a week to provide a positive presence in the downtown neighbourhood. To further increase safety, the Centre also organizes neighbourhood events, domestic violence awareness and support, self-defence classes, and more.

### DIGNITY AND RIGHTS
In 2003, The Winnipeg Foundation made the largest grant in its history: $6 million to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. The Museum aims to demonstrate and educate visitors that we are all born free and equal in dignity and rights.

### HUMAN RIGHTS HUB
A project of Christie McLeod supported by The Foundation’s Emerging Leaders’ Fellowship, the Global College Human Rights Hub centralizes information and events around human rights in Winnipeg through the creation of a website.
Families

I became a ward of CFS when I was eight and a mom at 17. Ma Mawi’s Family Group Conferencing program helped me break the cycle of CFS involvement in my life.

When you have a child, you have more success if you have more supports in your life. Family Group Conferencing helped me realize I have people in my life who want to ensure my family succeeds. Family Group Conferencing empowers families and gives them their voice back.

Today, I help young women in the same way I was helped. I was drawn to the field because I want to make sure our young people, especially our Indigenous women, are keeping their kids. Where you came from doesn’t have to determine your success and accomplishments.

- Angeline Spence, Team Lead of Ma Mawi’s Isobel’s Place, and former Family Group Conferencing participant

RECIPIENT | Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre’s Family Group Conferencing program
GRANTS | $1 million over three years, drawn from the Moffat Family Fund

Ma Mawi provides an Indigenous solution to supporting and rebuilding families. Family Group Conferencing is an Indigenous-based and Indigenous-led process that shifts the decision making regarding the care and protection of children to the entire family and community.

CITIZEN PRIORITIES

FAMILIES
1. Improve access and availability of affordable childcare
2. Improve the availability of parenting and family support programs
3. Support to keep families together

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FAMILIES FIRST
Family resource centres are busy neighbourhood hubs that support Winnipeggers of all ages. The United Way’s For Every Family initiative helps these centres keep their doors open longer and better-serve local families.

REAL-LIFE LEARNING FOR EVERY AGE
South Winnipeg Family Information Centre offers job training for women on social assistance and a variety of educational programs. Its workshops help youth build study skills, become babysitters and learn to be independent.

SUPPORT FOR NEWCOMER PARENTS
Mosaic Newcomer Family Resource Network helps newcomers gain English language skills, and learn about Canadian customs and systems. Mosaic also builds supportive social networks, helping ensure families thrive.
What you told us at the last Vital Conversation

GAUGING WINNIPEGGERS’ VIEWS ON THEIR NEIGHBOURHOODS

How walkable are Winnipeg neighbourhoods? Are they accessible by transit? Does that matter? These are some of the questions The Foundation’s Vital Conversation helped answer at last May’s pop-up fundraiser, Table for 1200 More. The annual dinner supports Storefront MB, a group dedicated to advancing awareness and appreciation of architecture, design and the built environment throughout Manitoba. This year’s event was held May 2018, and wound along the riverwalk starting at The Forks Historic Port, stretching to the Queen Elizabeth Way bridge.

Attendees were invited to fill out a short survey on this warm sunny evening. The mood and setting allowed for great conversations about our Winnipeg.

WHAT WE LEARNED

This Vital Conversation was an opportunity to talk about the neighbourhoods diners call home, the accessibility of those neighbourhoods, and other city neighbourhoods they know the least about. The survey also asked attendees what they think is the biggest social issue facing Winnipeg, and more.

The short survey told us our sense of community is what people are most proud of. Our small-town feel, the people and diversity, our arts and culture scene, and – of course – the Winnipeg Jets all topped the list. We learned that most diners lived in the southwestern part of the city and know the least about the northwest area of the city. Walkability and accessibility to public transit is important in their neighbourhoods and sustainability is the most pressing social issue Winnipeg is facing.

WHAT AREA ARE YOU FROM?

WHAT AREA DO YOU KNOW LEAST ABOUT?

Results from May 2018 Vital Conversation.
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IS YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WALKABLE?

| YES 89.47% | NO 10.53% |

IS YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD ACCESSIBLE BY PUBLIC TRANSIT?

| YES 90.15% | NO 9.85% |

IS THE WALKABILITY/ACCESSIBILITY OF YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPORTANT TO YOU?

| YES 92.86% | NO 7.14% |

DO YOU TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

| YES 95.98% | NO 4.02% |

WHAT MAKES YOU PROUD TO BE A WINNEPEGGER?

Here’s a sample of the more than 375 written responses we received:

“I appreciate the fact that I live in an affordable city.”

“I’m proud of the livability of the city, being able to afford to live, enjoy the city safely (walkable, clean, safe) and the amount of options available for entertainment.”

“Multicultural, art, music, generosity of public.”

“The diversity of the culture mixed with wonderful people and kindness.”

“I am proud of the steps taken so far in reconciliation compared with other provinces but more needs to be done.”

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE MOST PRESSING SOCIAL ISSUE IN WINNIPEG TODAY?

| WOMEN’S EQUITY ISSUES: 9% |
| BELONGING: 10% |
| WELL-BEING: 16% |
| RECONCILIATION: 22% |
| SUSTAINABILITY: 43% |
PRESENTERS

Dr. Myra Laramee
Dr. Myra Laramee is the Elder/Traditional Knowledge Keeper for Winnipeg School Division. A grandmother, mother, sister and daughter, Myra is a member of Fisher River Cree Nation.

Andrea Burkhart
Andrea Burkhart has had the honour of working alongside many people and organizations to address complex issues like human trafficking and poverty. After co-founding and leading the Action Coalition on Human Trafficking (ACT Alberta) for six years, Andrea joined End Poverty Edmonton as the inaugural Executive Director in 2017.

Kirsten Bernas
Kirsten Bernas is a Steering Committee member of Make Poverty History Manitoba. She is also the Director of Housing at the West Central Women’s Resource Centre and Chairs the provincial working group of the Right to Housing Coalition.

Al Wiebe
Al Wiebe is a Make Poverty History Manitoba Steering Committee member, Chair of the Lived Experience Circle, and Founder and Chair of the National Lived Experience Advisory Council and Peer Engagement Specialist for the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.

Jackie Anderson
Jackie Anderson is a proud Metis Woman and mother to three adult children. She has worked with the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre for 18 years. She specializes in the areas of Children in Care and Family Group Conferencing, and is considered a national expert in the areas of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

Host: Eva Kovacs
Eva Kovacs started her career in journalism 20 years ago years ago at Global News. She’s taken on many different roles; from daily reporter to news anchor, morning news host and now community producer. Raising two children with her husband Jeff, Eva is proud to call Winnipeg home.

WHAT ARE VITAL CONVERSATIONS?
Vital Conversations convene citizens on issues of importance, as determined by the community. They were born out of the community’s enthusiastic response to sessions held as a part of Winnipeg’s Vital Signs®. Released October 2017, the Vital Signs report combines research, a public survey and community conversations to provide insights on what’s important to Winnipeggers. Four themes emerged: Reconciliation, Belonging, Well-being, and Lines that Divide our community. Find out more: WinnipegVitalSigns.org.

ABOUT THE WINNIPEG FOUNDATION
The Winnipeg Foundation is For Good. Forever. We help people give back to our shared community by connecting generous donors with Causes they care about For Good. We’re an endowment-based public foundation, so gifts are pooled and invested, and the annual earnings are distributed back to the community Forever. Formed in 1921, we are proud to be the first community foundation in Canada.

ABOUT MAKE POVERTY HISTORY MANITOBA
Make Poverty History Manitoba is a multi-sectoral collaborative coalition representing business, education, student, youth, Aboriginal, newcomer, labour, women’s, disability, urban, rural, and northern communities. The coalition’s efforts are directed primarily at the provincial level. However, its work contributes toward the achievement of Make Poverty History’s national campaign objectives. The coalition is committed to changing public policy to achieve a Manitoba without poverty.