

Chilliwack Healthier Community is a network of local partners focused on affordable/accessible housing, mental health, addictions, poverty reduction and cultural safety and humility. Partners include government, community agencies, law enforcement and business.

Community Approach to Poverty Reduction

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Time: 8:30 – 10:30am

Location: Rooms 1007 / 1009, Neighbourhood Learning Centre, 46361 Yale Road, Chilliwack

Event Sponsor



- 8:30am Registration and Informal Networking
- 9:00am Emcee Nicole Read, GT Hiring Solutions and Chair of CHC Poverty Reduction Task Team
- 9:05am Agency Announcements
- 9:15am Networking Exercise
- 9:30am Presentations**
1. Doris Marko, Supervisor Local Office/Outreach Services, Chilliwack and Hope Employment and Assistance Offices, MSDPR
BC's new Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Brief overview of upcoming changes to the ministry
 2. Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development, District of Mission
Stone Soup / Circles of Support / Bridges out of Poverty / MAST
Poverty Reduction Initiatives in Mission
 3. Shakira Miracle, Coordinator, Vibrant Abbotsford
Living Wage Implementation and Advocacy
Why employers should embrace the living wage – the business case
Data collection on contributing factors to poverty in the local context
Poverty Reduction work in Abbotsford
 4. Angela Vermeer, Work BC Program Participant and UFV student
What's working – story of a local experience
How local services helped support me and my family
- 10:30am Informal Networking / Completion of Evaluation Forms

Vision

To live in a healthy, caring community that focuses on quality of life, promotes a sense of belonging, and understands that dignity begins when basic needs are met.

Mission

To actively address the most persistent issues affecting the health and well-being of our community and its residents through public education, collaboration and service integration