

Collaborative Program Masters Program in Community Development PUBLIC SEMINAR

Determinants of Health and Toronto Neighbourhood Centres

Presented by: Bill Sinclair St. Stephen's Community House

Monday, January 27th, 2014 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Health Sciences Building, 155 College Street Toronto Room: HS 208

Overview

Toronto Neighbourhood Centres have a 100 year history of addressing income inequality, immigration, homelessness, and family support. With 30 centres across the City, Neighbourhood Centres are meeting places for community and access points for services on hunger, poverty, early child development, housing, education & training, employment and elder care - most of the determinants of health. St. Stephen's Community House is one neighbourhood centre and will share three examples of recent participant led popular education campaigns on HIV/AIDS, women's health and racism. This session will also address the settlement house movement as a foundation of modern community development practice.

Bill Sinclair is a social worker, University of Toronto alumni, and Associate Executive Director of St. Stephen's Community House, a neighbourhood house in downtown West Toronto serving 23,000 people annually. Bill has focused his community development work on youth, newcomers to Canada, and the issues of housing and homelessness.

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