



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Cross-Canada Forums Call for Strong Federal Action against Poverty

TORONTO – Public forums on Monday, June 12th, 2017 in Winnipeg, Toronto and Charlottetown will connect people across Canada to discuss their priorities for the Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy (CPRS). With 4.9 million Canadians in poverty and government consulting for the strategy until June 30th, Campaign 2000's forums will focus on the dire need for federal action on urgent recommendations to eradicate poverty.

On the same day, June 12th, Campaign 2000 will be releasing a comprehensive CPRS submission, "Federal Action Plan to Eradicate Poverty," outlining solutions with clear targets and timelines for success. It draws on decades of experience and research by the Campaign 2000 coalition in the areas of employment, income security, childcare, housing and demands solutions to inequities that cause Indigenous and racialized people, immigrants, people with disabilities and women to live in poverty in greater numbers.

Campaign 2000 is a non-partisan, cross-Canada network of 120 national, provincial and community partner organizations committed to working to end child and family poverty. For more, visit <http://www.campaign2000.ca>.

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June 12th Forums (Cross-site online feed starts at 6:30pm EST)

Toronto:

Shaping Canada's first Poverty Reduction Strategy
6-9 pm EST, Steelworkers Hall, 25 Cecil Street.

Speakers include: Dr. Gary Bloch (St. Michael's Hospital), Neethan Shan (Ward 42 City Councillor), Maya Roy (CEO YWCA Canada), Damon Johnston (Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg), Lubna Khalid (Working for Change) and many more.

Host: Campaign 2000

Winnipeg:

Shaping Canada's first Poverty Reduction Strategy
5-8 pm CST, Winnipeg Harvest, 1085 Winnipeg Ave.
Host: Winnipeg Harvest

Charlottetown:

Public Meeting: Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy
7:00 pm ADT, Murphy Community Centre, 200 Richmond St. Room 207, Charlottetown
Hosts: PEI Coalition for a Poverty Eradication Strategy & MacKillop Centre for Social Justice

June 14th Forum

Vancouver:

Community Conversation on Federal Poverty Reduction Strategy
9-11:30am (PST), BC Teachers' Federation Building, 550 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver
Hosts: First Call Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition & BC Poverty Reduction Coalition