

## **Centre for Research on Health Equity and Social Inclusion**

*Bringing communities together to collaboratively identify, research, understand, and address 'wicked problems' that prevent access to justice, health, and belonging for all people.*

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### **STEERING COMMITTEE (AGENDA)**

- Date: **Wednesday, March 28, 3:00pm-4:30pm**
- Location: Innovation Works, BMO Ideas Bank (2nd Floor)
- Attending
  - Bob Gough, Western Heads East Program
  - Danielle Perro, Medical Sciences student
  - Stephanie Coen, Department of Geography
  - Jennifer Sandu, Cross Cultural Learner Centre
  - Lloy Wiley, Schulich Interfaculty Program in Public Health
  - Michele Manocchi, Centre for Research on Migration and Ethnic Relations
  - Marlene Janzen Le Ber, School of Leadership and Social Change
  - Nadine Wathen, Faculty of Information & Media Studies
  - Jim Rule, Independent, Western Community Engaged Learning
  - Heather Lokko, Middlesex-London Health Unit
  - Steve Goodine, CRHESI Co-Director
  - Eugenia Canas, CRHESI Co-Coordinator
  - James Shelley, CRHESI Co-Coordinator
- Regrets
  - Laure Eldik, City of London
  - Yasmin Hussain, Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support and Integration
  - Carri Hand, School of Occupational Therapy
  - Jason Gilliland, Department of Geography
  - Helene Berman, CRHESI Co-Director
  - Gerda Zonruiter, Independent
  - Abe Oudshoorn, Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing

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## **Call to Order**

## **Introductions**

## **Project & Initiative Updates**

CRHESI Student Engagement - Bob Gough & Danielle Perro

- Western Heads East undertook mapping exercises to determine the scope of Western faculty involvement in global health and work with marginalization populations. This culminated in a research day, which, in turn, led to several student groups expressing interest in engaging with activities.
- The idea on the table is to create something like a 'health equity collective' -- a network for student groups on campus for maximizing overlapping interests between groups and finding potential for collaborations. This collective networking group would be run as a 'student group' of CRHESI: a subgroup for engaging students with London organizations, volunteer opportunities, etc. This CRHESI student group would be something of campus parallel, partner, and compliment, to what CRHESI does in community.
- Chair of the group, the 'health equity collective', would also sit as a liaison on the CRHESI Steering committee. The idea is to not be a burden on CRHESI organizationally speaking.
- Discussion continued about considerations related to naming the group, responsibility and liabilities in student involvement, setting clarity on projects and parameters, and a possible accreditation schema for 'work readiness' workshops.

Educating for Equity - Lloy Wiley

- Educating for Equity is combines the subgroup of the Mobilizing Narratives for Policy Change PDG project looking at the indigenous experience of colonization as well as broader a research question examining how hospital staff training works. The end goal being: how can we better understand how hospitals can create more competency and capacity for caring for indigenous populations? How can an equity framework work be taken up in a tangible way in the healthcare system? How can this influence the relationships between care

providers and patients?

- Pilot program under development in partnership with Cancer Care, with the hopes of developing a staff training program that can be taken up across hospital departments.

Documenting and mobilizing the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) training session for London Cross Cultural Learner Centre (LCCLC) - James Shelley

- CRHESI providing videography support for upcoming training session, in the hopes of providing a learning tool that can be mobilized in other organizational contexts.

*All Are Welcome Here* event account and outcomes - Jennifer Sandu

- Initial response indicates highly positive feedback. Panel discussion referred to as an eye-opening moment for many people, even including those who are highly involved in service and settlement work.
- Follow up discussion ensued about the impact of panel events to create longterm behaviour, and how educating might be calibrated with more supportive environments, systems, etc, to see lasting change.
- Knowledge gathering and sharing work at events tends to be compressed/condensed at end of day. How do the structure of events create missed opportunities? Whose knowledge is privileged in the way event schedules are designed and executed?

Call for Proposals: Annual Life As A Refugee (LAAR) event

- Wednesday, June 20th, 2018 from 8:30AM to 4:00 PM at the Four Points by Sheraton. All researchers, students, representatives of community organizations and local planning tables, and others interested in sharing information on refugee issues are welcome to submit proposals. Please contact Michele Manocchi (Cross Cultural Learner Centre) at [MManocchi@lcclc.org](mailto:MManocchi@lcclc.org)

## **Committee Updates**

Community Health Collaborative (CHC) - Steve Goodine

- A CHC subcommittee is continuing work on mapping project. There is much discussion about the multiplicity of various mapping exercises and where the potentials exist for strengthening overlapping projects by developing a centralized and shared platform.

Newcomer Health Settlement Committee (NHSC) – Heather Lokko

- Community Engaged Learning (CEL) students have narrowed the focus of their work to updating resource on gaps on services for refugees. Target for completion is April 23.
- Middlesex London Health Unit (MLHU) is also developing organizational reconciliation plan, intended to be completed in late June.

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## **REFERENCE ITEMS**

### **Additional Ongoing Projects & Member Initiatives**

Mobilizing Narratives (SSHRC Partnership Development Grant) - Marlene Janzen Le Ber & Helene Berman

Housing First Model Evaluation (Unity Project for the Relief of Homelessness) - Helene Berman & Eugenia Canas

Refugee Housing Study (in collaboration with the Community Health Collaborative, et al) – Abe Oudshoorn

Social Connectedness and Participatory Research with Seniors (in collaboration with Meals on Wheels and Neighbourhood Watch) – Carri Hand

Libraries as community hubs (in collaboration with London Public Library, Canadian Mental Health Association) – Abe Oudshoorn

London MINDS (in collaboration with St. Joseph's Health Care London, et al) - Kaitlin Saxton, Eugenia Canas

Youth Advisory Council Initiative (Human Environment Analysis Laboratory) -  
Stephanie Coen

## **Projects Pending**

IDI (Interdisciplinary Development Initiative) on Global Health Equity - Helene  
Berman & Nadine Wathen

Youth Wellness Hub Coalition - Eugenia Canas

## **Upcoming CRHESI Events**

Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 7pm @ Wolf Performance Hall, Central Library —  
Documentary screening: *Us and Them* (Presented in partnership with London  
Public Library, CMHA, and the City of London)

Wednesday, April 4, 2018, Noon @ Innovation Works: BMO Ideas Bank —Lunch &  
Learn: How do journalists report suicides in London? (Presented by *Media in the  
Public Interest* student Siena Maxwell)

## **Upcoming Partner & Community Events**

Monday, April 9, 2018, 7pm @ Central Library - What is the future of gender in  
Canadian society? (Presented in partnership with Curious Public & London Public  
Library)

April 12, 2018, 10am-3pm @ ZARFAS Hall, CPRI Grounds - Learning from Life: The  
Constructive Analysis of the Murder of Natalie Novak (Southwest Region VAW  
Coordinating Committee) Registration is \$30. Email ShelleyY@anovafuture.org for  
more information.

Monday, May 7, 2018, 7pm @ Central Library - What does reconciliation mean for an  
individual Canadian like me? (Presented in partnership with Curious Public &  
London Public Library)

Wednesday, May 16, 9am-5pm @ Museum London - [Evergreen's Mid-Sized Cities Researcher + Practitioner Roundtable](#)

## **Updates Forthcoming**

Muslim Resource Centre for Social Support & Integration (MRCSSI) - Yasmin Hussain (May 23)

## **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

Upcoming **Steering Committee** meetings:

- Wednesday, April 25, 3:00pm-4:30pm
- Wednesday, May 23, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Meeting Location: Innovation Works (201 King Street)

## **Previous Meeting Minutes**

- [Wednesday, January 31, 2018](#)
- [Wednesday, February 28, 2018](#)

Please direct corrections and correspondence related to CRHESI meeting coordination, agendas, and minutes to James Shelley at [jshelley@crhesi.ca](mailto:jshelley@crhesi.ca)