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Research & Action for Health Equity

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CRHESI Priorities & Highlights- Summer and Fall 2023

Making London a TVIC Community

CRHESI, along with [Western's Gender, Trauma & Violence Incubator](#), has had a lead role for over 5 years in supporting research, knowledge mobilization and implementation of trauma- and violence-informed care (TVIC) and equity-oriented services in and among London organizations. The work continues, as we identified ongoing priorities at a community event in June 2023, and continue to work with partners to integrate TVIC in service delivery, research and evaluation. TVIC is a core value, for example, of London's Whole of Community System Response, including the Health and Homelessness Hubs (see next page).

-  We are actively seeking involvement from those with experience and expertise in this area, and/or a keen interest in learning about it, developing new resources, etc.

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Health and Homelessness

CRHESI has joined a collective of community experts through London's *Whole of Community System Response* (WCSR) to support unhoused Londoners, to save lives and deliver better healthcare and housing. Through a co-design process, CRHESI is supporting the implementation of evaluation and research strategies across the Response efforts. Comprehensive service and care offered to unhoused people with urgent needs will soon be offered through interprofessional *Hubs*, with goals to stabilize and transition people to sustainable housing. There are a range of opportunities, including:

- ✚ Researchers with expertise to form or join research teams, or otherwise support broader evaluation goals as defined by the System Foundation Table of the WCSR
- ✚ Community members with expertise and knowledge to contribute to research, evaluation and knowledge mobilization processes
- ✚ Trainees and other learners who wish to gain experience and research-related training in this space
- ✚ Communicators and evaluators with specific expertise to contribute

We are also looking to staff the project, so please keep an eye on the CRHESI website for postings and share with your networks.

Anti-hate

We continue to seek ways to shift narratives and dismantle structural violence through practice and policy change. For example, aligned with the City of London's *Anti-Oppression Anti-Racism Framework* and to support the City's public awareness campaign in development, CRHESI prepared a comprehensive report to identify potential strategies to counter hate speech, discrimination, and prejudice in London. As well, CRHESI has been supporting the development of Middlesex London's *Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Anti-Racism (EDIAR) Collaborative*. The EDIAR is a blend of working groups comprised of EDIAR champions, across health and social service sectors in the London Middlesex area, building relationships and collaborating for action on shared EDIAR priorities.

- ✚ CRHESI wants to expand our collaboration, seeking diverse expertise to continue to take action centred on the principles of equitable and inclusive policy and practice, countering discrimination and hate. If you have expertise or interest in this area please let us know.

Equity-Promoting & Ethical Data Collection and Use

With a focus on collective impact, CRHESI continues to explore processes around the collection and use of data for equitable and inclusive program and policy decision making. We are attuned to the importance of guiding principles that balance potential harms with clear benefits to individuals and communities, not just researchers or organizations. Western community-engaged learning (CEL) students ('23 - '24) are leading an environmental scan and review of the literature to develop best practice guidance in support of health and social service staff, in the ethical and safe collection of equity-sensitive data from clients.

- ✚ We need more voices developing research questions and more advisors from communities whose data is being collected and from diverse organizations. If you have ideas on this, please share them!

Newcomer Health and Well Being

A deeper understanding of the health needs of refugees and newcomers to London is required, including their diverse social and community integration needs. CRHESI aims to support knowledge development to improve settlement experiences in London and beyond. Through a collaborative partnership between CRHESI, with long-standing service providers, London Intercommunity Health Centre and London Cross Cultural Learners Centre, a comprehensive evaluation of the Newcomer Clinic and Integration Program is underway. A CRHESI working group on this issue is also linking with the London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership (LMLIP).

- ✚ CRHESI is seeking those with interest and expertise to engage community-led networks, to understand gaps in service areas with a view to developing policy-level projects to capture the experiences and needs of all newcomers. Please contact us with your interest.



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Other Ongoing CRHESI-Supported Projects

Modelling Permanent Supportive Housing into Canada's Housing and Homelessness System (SSHRC)

Principle Investigator (PI): Dr Abe Oudshoorn, Associate Professor and Associate Director (Graduate Programs), Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing, Western University

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Re-engineering Health Policy Decision-Making for Equitable Allocation of Resources (CIHR)

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Collaborative Development of a Protocol for Trauma- and Violence-Informed Knowledge Mobilization (SSHRC).

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Equitable Maternal-Newborn Care for New Migrant Women in Canada: Planning for a Co-produced Research Partnership with Mothers, Families and Community-Serving Organizations (SSHRC)

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Exploring Self-Care and Family Caregiving among Older Adults with Heart Failure

through an Intersectional Lens: Developing a Research Agenda, Network, and Partnerships (CIHR)

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Upcoming CRHESI Events

November 27th from 2 pm - 5 pm, CRHESI is co-hosting *Peer Driven Work in Housing and Homelessness for Health Equity*, with Western and the Middlesex London Health Unit. During this interactive event at Innovation Works in downtown London we will share the [Peer Navigator Project](#) evaluation findings, explore other models of peer work through a panel format and discuss the sustainability of the peer role in local organizations. Please join us! [Register here.](#)