



homeless²home

A community exchange

For some people, being homeless is NOT a once in a lifetime occurrence.
November 6th Downtown Toronto

What is homeless²home (h2h):

H2h is a participatory community exchange **utilizing** the immense **practical knowledge** of people who have experienced homelessness. The “experts” at this exchange are **individuals of all ages who know first hand** what it is like to live without a home. The format and content of the exchange have been developed by a team of formerly homeless youth, younger and older adults. Exchange participants will include: people who have experienced homelessness, people who work with and for them, people who design the programs and policies, and people who do the research. The team will challenge participants to generate **fresh ideas** and commit to solutions to **break the cycle of homelessness**.

The exchange will also include installations by local artists and arts-informed projects addressing homelessness. Participants will be invited to close the day by attending the reception and premiere of *Home Safe Calgary*: a documentary chronicling family homelessness.

Who will be there:

Approximately **100 individuals** from in and around the GTA will be invited to attend this free one day event: **November 6th**, at the University of Toronto. The exchange is for people who are **committed to taking action so that “Housing First” becomes “home at last.”**

What support is available for peer participants:

Formerly homeless participants will receive a \$50.00 honorarium, travel/transit expenses (pre-paid return train or bus tickets for people outside of the Greater Toronto Area and local transit for those within the GTA), lunch and refreshments.

How to get further information or be added to our invitation list:

Invitations will be mailed late September to early October. If you are interested in attending the exchange please contact the project team at (Phone: 416-978-7323/5616; or Email: aging.research@utoronto.ca) to ensure that your name is added to the invitation list.

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