

Promoting a Culture of Accessibility and Inclusion Forum

Chelsea Hotel, Toronto - Churchill Ballroom

December 5, 2016

AGENDA

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks (*Churchill Ballroom*)

9:15 AM – 10:45 AM Keynote Speaker
Gil Penalosa, Founder and CEO of 8 80 Cities

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Break

**11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Beyond Compliance:
Accessibility Self-Assessment Tool for Organizations**

The Regional Municipality of York will profile the online accessibility self-assessment tool that has been developed for public, private and voluntary sector organizations under the Government of Ontario's EnAbling Change Program.

Speakers:

- *Lois Davies*, Manager, Social Policy and Accessibility, The Regional Municipality of York
- *Kim Adeney*, Program Manager, Accessibility, The Regional Municipality of York
- *Ruth Wright*, Director, Strategic Human Resources Research, The Conference Board of Canada

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Small Group Discussion

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM – 1:45 PM Enhancing Ability throughout the lifespan through Physical Literacy
Andrea Carey, Canadian Sport for Life

This session will define and explain the concept and application of physical literacy, and look at how physical literacy enhances abilities of daily living, as well as increases the opportunities for an active and healthy lifestyle.

1:45 PM – 2:00 PM Break

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Concurrent Sessions

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1.1 ***Developmental Services Housing Task Force: Innovative Housing Solutions for Persons with Developmental Disabilities – Municipal Partnerships (Carlyle)***

Panelists from the Developmental Services Housing Task Force (DSHTS) will present early findings from some of the 18 Pilot Projects on how they succeeded and/or struggled to remove barriers for persons with developmental disabilities, as well as discuss new learnings on how a ‘whole of government/community’ approach will succeed in creating a culture of accessibility and inclusion.

Speakers:

- *Ron Pruessen*, Chair, Developmental Services Housing Task Force
- *Sandra Datars Bere*, Managing Director, Housing, Social Services and Deerness Home, City of London
- *Leslie O'Reilly*, Social Housing Consultant, Social Housing Unit, City of Toronto

1.2 ***Age-Friendly Communities: Building Accessible and Inclusive Communities for Older Adults in Ontario (Rossetti)***

Drawing on expertise in knowledge exchange, gerontology, geriatrics and urban planning, learn about the challenges and successes from an interdisciplinary project team that is piloting both local and provincial academic-community partnerships with over 56 communities across the province.

Speakers:

- *Dr. John Puxty*, Associate Professor and Chair of the Division of Geriatric Medicine, Department of Medicine at Queen’s University
- *Dr. John Lewis*, Associate Professor, School of Planning, Faculty of Environment University of Waterloo
- *Dr. Birgit Pianosi*, Associate Professor, Huntington University
- *Lucy Marco*, Grand River Council on Aging
- *Alexandra Graham*, Community Development Coordinator, City of Brantford

1.3 ***Access for All – Innovation in the Municipal Sector (Scott)***

Municipalities are harnessing their create energy to enhance accessibility and inclusivity for all people, regardless of age or ability. This workshop will hear from 4 innovators working in the municipal sector.

Speakers:

- *Steve Murphy*, Accessibility Advisory Coordinator, Niagara Region
- *Erin Straughan*, Planner – Transit Policy and Accessible Services, York Regional Transit

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- *Julie Salter-Keane*, Community Services Manager, City of Kingston
- *Warren Rupnarain*, Accessibility and Diversity Coordinator, City of Vaughan

1.4 **Promoting a Culture of Accessibility, Adaptability, and Inclusion (AAI) in Public Sports and Recreation (Wren)**

This session will discuss best practices and trends in accessible, adaptive and inclusive sports and recreation. This will include opportunities and challenges presented by AODA, as well as case study programs that focus on gaps and inclusion around mental health and programming for adults, youth, and children.

Speakers:

- *Archie Allison*, Director, Access and Awareness at Variety Village
- *Kelly Arbour-Nicitopoulos*, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education, University of Toronto, Adjunct Scientist, Bloorview Research Institute, Co-founder, Igniting Fitness Possibilities Program
- *Lorene Bodiam*, Advocate for People with Disabilities, City Of Toronto, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
- *Daniel Eisenkraft-Klein*, Sports and Recreation Coordinator, Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre
- *Liviya Mendelsohn*, Manager, Accessibility and Inclusion, Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM **Break**

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM **Closing Speaker (Churchill Ballroom)**
Deputy Minister Marie-Lison Fougère
Responsible for Accessibility, Seniors' Affairs, and Francophone Affairs