



greater victoria
coalition to end
homelessness

hope has found a home

Social Inclusion Advisory Committee

Core Values

Homelessness doesn't happen in isolation of poverty, addiction, mental health and housing supply.

People experiencing homelessness are not separate or other than the rest of society. We are all part of the community.

We accept and welcome participation from all types of people.

Words are powerful.

Guiding Principles

We will not reinforce stereotypes or stigmas of people experiencing homelessness on ourselves or others in the street community.

We will counter the stigmas and stereotypes about homelessness.

We will put a human face on homelessness.

We deserve respect and understanding.

About Us / Mission

"We are an inspired group of experiential people working towards educating people on homelessness and extreme poverty, and working towards ending homelessness."

We want to do advocacy & facilitate inclusion on homelessness issues.

Key Messages

- We are diverse, we want our voice heard
- Homelessness is a diversity of experiences
- There's not enough affordable housing
- It's situation based, not personal failing
- Homelessness can happen to anyone
- Homelessness doesn't define who I am
- Survival is a full time job – despite no wage negotiation
- Depression and mental health is affected when struggling with insecure shelter or homelessness.
- Income assistance rates are too low to afford market housing
- It's not that complicated, building more affordable rental units would solve homelessness
- Housing is the answer to a lot of different issues, a lot more issues than just homelessness
- It's hard to find a good place to live, and navigate government structures when you're busy surviving through homelessness
- If I'm on low income I have to choose between eating and being homeless
- Living in poverty is hard work
- Homeless people are part of society, we are all part of community