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Homelessness Action Week 2014. Working together to end homelessness.

VICTORIA, BC, October 10, 2014 – Homelessness Action Week (HAW) is an annual event focused on bringing public awareness and understanding to the issue of homelessness. Taking place October 12 to 18, 2014, HAW is focused not only on raising awareness of those living or at-risk of homelessness in our community, but also on the many organizations and agencies working together to end homelessness.

“This year Homelessness Action Week is an opportunity for those agencies and organizations working in the sector to share the great work they are doing with the public,” says Andrew Wynn-Williams Executive Director of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness. “While ending homelessness can seem like an insurmountable challenge, by taking the time to visit the agencies working to end homelessness and hear the stories of those that have experienced homelessness, the solutions seem so much nearer.”

Guided tours and information sessions at participating partners, including:

- AIDS Vancouver Island
- Anawim House
- Burnside Gorge Community Centre
- Downtown Community Centre (Victoria Cool Aid Society)
- Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness
- Greater Victoria Housing Society
- Mustard Seed Street Church and Food Bank
- Our Place
- Pacifica Housing
- Quadra Village Community Centre
- REES (Victoria Cool Aid Society)
- Rock Bay Landing (Victoria Cool Aid Society)
- Salvation Army ARC
- Sandy Merriman House (Victoria Cool Aid Society)
- St Vincent de Paul Housing & Social Concern Office
- Together Against Poverty Society

Special events include:

- Oct 16 – Economics of Homelessness Breakfast
- Oct 16 – Housing First Forum
- Oct 16 – All Candidates Debate: Housing, Homelessness & Poverty

Special thanks to the following governments who showed their commitment to ending homelessness by proclaiming October 12 to 18, 2014 Homelessness Action Week (*known proclamations as of October 10, 2014*):

- City of Victoria
- Saanich
- Central Saanich
- Sidney
- View Royal

REMINDER: Homelessness Action Week is also the drop-off week for [Project Connect!](#)

Drop off: October 15-18 at Anawim House (973 Caledonia Ave)

- Wednesday, Oct 15 from 10am to 7pm
- Thursday, Oct 16 from 10am to 5pm
- Friday, Oct 17 from 10am to 7pm
- Saturday, Oct 18 from 10am to 4pm

The [Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness](#) is a partnership of local service providers, non-profit organizations, all levels of government, and the business, post-secondary and faith communities. The Coalition's mission is to end homelessness in Greater Victoria by 2018.

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