

ONTARIO AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES



NETWORK EXCHANGE

APRIL 2018

Hello,

After attending the AFC Symposium on March 26th I can't help but feel energized from all the engaging and innovative initiatives I had the opportunity to learn about. Congratulations to all the communities who received the Ontario AFC Recognition Award.

Mark in your calendars all the interesting webinars coming up including presentations on equitable healthcare, social inclusion, dementia-friendly communities, compassionate communities and alternative housing models.

Looking forward to warmer weather!

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Spotlight

In the News

- [You're Never Too Old campaign aims to combat ageism](#)
- [Elliot Lake applies to boost city's transportation](#)
- [Aging Well: Anh Lan Vu - a walk every day and Scrabble in French at 89](#)
- [City rolling out age-friendly action plan](#)

Upcoming Events

Conferences and Workshops

- April 17-19 | [Asset-Based Community Development](#) [Workshop, Kitchener]
- April 19 | [Meeting the challenges of super seniors](#) [Public Event, Montreal]
- April 30-May 1 | [Annual Knowledge Exchange](#) [Conference, Toronto]
- May 14-18 | [International Making Cities Livable](#) [Conference, Ottawa]
- May 25 | [Empowering Older Adults: Opportunities & Possibilities](#) [Conference, Kingston]
- August 8-10 | [International Federation on Aging](#) [Conference, Toronto]
- October 1-4 | [Community Change Festival: Ideas to Practice to Impact](#) [Toronto]
- October 18-20 | [Canadian Association on Gerontology](#) [Conference, Vancouver]

Webinars

- April 20, 1:00 PM | [Spotlight on Methods and Tools: Getting to Outcomes](#)
- April 24, 12:00-1:00 PM | [Cultural Safety: Ethical and Equitable Health Care for Indigenous Patients, Families, and Communities](#)
- April 24 1:00 - 2:00 PM | [Connecting With Ontario Seniors: Moving from Social Isolation to Social Inclusion](#)
- May 17, 1:00 - 2:00 PM | [Building a Stronger and More Inclusive Ontario Part 1: Understanding the link between Age-Friendly and Dementia-Friendly Communities](#)
- May 31, 1:00 - 2:00 PM | [Building a Stronger and More Inclusive Ontario Part 2: Understanding](#)

- the link between Age-Friendly and Compassionate Communities (Save the Date)
- June 14, 1:00 - 2:00 PM | Alternative Housing Models for Older Adults (Save the Date)
- June 28, 1:00 - 2:00 PM | Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities - the OASIS Model (Save the Date)

Resources

- [Resource] [Health in the North Online Report \(Health Quality Ontario\)](#)
 - [Website] [Age-Friendly Communities Provincial Website](#)
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Announcements

General Announcements

- [Job Posting: Age-Friendly Peterborough Coordinator Position](#)
- [Canadian Association on Gerontology: Call for Abstracts](#) The theme of the 47th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting is "Making It Matter: Mobilizing Aging Research, Practice & Policy" abstracts due [April 16, 2018](#)
- [IFA Conference Call for Volunteers](#): an opportunity to expand your networks and receive complimentary attendance to a select number of sessions.

Challenges

- [Smart Cities Challenge](#): pan-Canadian competition encouraging a smart cities approach, launched by Infrastructure Canada. **Application deadline April 24, 2018.**

Funding Announcements

- [SEED Funding for Affordable Housing](#) [currently accepting proposals]
- [Affordable Rental Innovation Fund](#) [currently accepting proposal]

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To stay 'in the know' about new AFC resources, upcoming webinars and community profiles....

- Join our provincial AFC [Distribution List](#)
- Contact [Sarah Webster](#), the Ontario AFC Knowledge Broker
- Visit the AFC [English](#) or [French](#) Website

Age-Friendly Community Outreach Program Background

The [Ministry of Seniors Affairs](#) has partnered with the University of Waterloo, Queen's University, Huntington/Laurentian University, the Ontario Interdisciplinary Council for Aging and Health (OICAH), and the Seniors Health Knowledge Network (SHKN) to administer the Age-Friendly Community (AFC) Outreach Program. This program is designed to help communities, including AFC Planning Grant recipients:

- increase awareness of age-friendly planning principles,
- share best practices,
- and start, continue, evaluate and improve on their AFC action plans.

The AFC Outreach Program builds on and complements the [AFC Planning Guide](#) and the [AFC Planning Grant Program](#).

The program aims to increase awareness about AFCs connectivity within and between AFCs, and capacity for local planning and implementation.

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