

ONTARIO AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES



NETWORK EXCHANGE

MARCH 2018

Hello,

Spring is in the air and there is an abundance of events scheduled to keep you connected to innovation, emerging best practices and opportunities for exchange.

Check out the "Save The Dates" for upcoming webinars including presentations on social inclusion, dementia-friendly communities, compassionate communities and alternative housing models.

Also, don't forget about upcoming conferences such as "Empowering Older Adults: Opportunities and Possibilities" in Kingston and the International Federation on Aging 14th Global Conference on Ageing in Toronto.

Here's to a refreshing spring!

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Spotlight

In the News

- [Canada's first 'dementia village' is set to open its doors in Langley, B.C. next year](#)
- [Toronto getting older and more isolated: Vital Signs report](#)
- [The big reason why many retirees are flocking to tiny homes is actually pretty smart](#)
- [Canadian seniors less satisfied with quality of health care in international survey](#)
- [Online or hard to access: Researchers say Montreal's senior consultations miss the mark](#)
- [Anglophones, immigrants left out of city's consultations on seniors](#)
- [Free public transportation for older adults tied to less depression](#)
- [Ajax students Washington-bound after building 'stunning' model of futuristic city](#)
- [Sudbury explores creating seniors' fund](#)
- [Simcoe County looks out for seniors with a solid plan](#)

Upcoming Events

Conferences and Workshops

- March 5-6 | [Walk With Me](#) [Conference, Niagara Falls]
- March 8 | [Social Isolation in Waterloo Region](#) [Presentation, Cambridge]
- March 13-14 | [New Frontiers on Aging: Research, Policy, and Practice](#) [Conference, Ireland]
- March 19-21 | [Traumatic Brain Injury and Concussion](#) [Conference, Toronto]
- March 30 - April 1 | [NICE: Annual Knowledge Exchange](#) [Conference, Toronto]
- April 17-19 | [Asset-Based Community Development](#) [Workshop, Kitchener]
- 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

- March 7, 12:00 - 1:00 PM | [Addressing Abusive Behaviour in Long-Term Care](#)
- March 7, 1:00 - 2:30 PM | [Mental Health First Aid for Seniors](#)
- March 14, 2:30-3:30 PM | [Supporting Osteoporosis Knowledge in Long-Term Care Homes](#)
- March 21, 3:00 - 4:00 PM | [Strategies for Inclusive Community Engagement](#)
- March 29, 10:00 - 11:30 AM | [Public Health Engagement in Official Plan Reviews](#)
- April 20, 1:00 PM | [Spotlight on Methods and Tools: Getting to Outcomes](#)
- April 24 1:00 - 2:00 PM | Connecting With Ontario Seniors: Moving from Social Isolation to Social Inclusion (Save the Date)
- 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 (Save the date)
- 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] [An evaluation tool for Age-Friendly and Dementia Friendly Communities](#)
- [Resource] [Stay on Your Feet - Medication Management EN and FR](#)
- [Research] [Understanding the Neighborhood Environmental Influences on Active Aging](#)
- [Resource] [How to Make your Rental Unit Age Friendly, Information for Residents](#)
- [Resource] [How to Make your Rental Unit Age Friendly, Information for Property Owners](#)
- [Website] [Age-Friendly Communities Provincial Website](#)

Announcements

Funding Announcements

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

General Announcements

- [Gerontology and Geriatrics Education Journal: Call for Papers](#) The Association of Gerontology in Higher Education is seeking proposals for papers on the Age-Friendly University Initiative, due [March 23, 2018](#)
- [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](#)
- [Introduction to Indigenous Business in Canada](#): Unama'ki College and the Purdy Crawford Chair at Cape Breton University have created an online course to help respond to the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. If you are interested in beta testing and providing feedback to the course email alyce_maclean@cbu.ca
- [IFA Conference Call for Volunteers](#): an opportunity to expand your networks and receive complimentary attendance to a select number of sessions.

Stay Connected

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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