

Homeward Trust Presents the 2016 Aboriginal Gathering

March 21, 2016 (Edmonton) – On Tuesday, March 22nd Indigenous agencies, service providers, organizations, and businesses will gather once again to engage in constructive dialogue and information sharing around housing and program supports for Indigenous peoples who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

Media are invited to attend.

There is a disproportionate over-representation of Aboriginal peoples who are homeless, with Aboriginal peoples representing 47% of the total homeless population of the city. Since the start of the 10 Year Plan, Homeward Trust and our Housing First agencies have housed 2,600 formerly homeless Aboriginal adults and children.

Homeward Trust seeks to improve service delivery and to ensure that culturally appropriate housing and supports are available for Indigenous peoples, and works to support capacity building and knowledge sharing throughout the sector and community. It is best achieved by working with Indigenous organizations and community leaders.

This years Highlighted Initiatives include:

- Aboriginal Round Table – YEG End Poverty Strategy
- Canadian Native Friendship Centre – Urban Aboriginal Strategies Initiative
- Bissell Centre Hope Terrace
- Valuing Mental Health - Canadian Mental Health Review

2016 Aboriginal Gathering Information

Date: Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Program start: 9:00 a.m.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Allen Benson at 12:15 p.m.

Place: Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre, Kingsway Avenue Edmonton, AB

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Homeward Trust Edmonton is a not for profit organization that uses a community-based approach towards the goal of ending homelessness in Edmonton. Our primary role is to support a coordinated response to housing needs by working together with local agencies and all orders of government.