



# Media Advisory

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## **International Expert on Domestic Violence and Housing in Edmonton**

Homeward Trust Edmonton is proud to present the Domestic Violence and Housing Forum, Tuesday October 11, 2016 at Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel. Keynote speaker is Gudrun Helevuo-Burnet; Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellow, UK. Ms. Helevuo-Burnet is an expert in the field of domestic violence and housing. She is a board member with Against Violence and Abuse, a cofounder of the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance, and a Senior Business Partner (Domestic Abuse) at Peabody, the largest and oldest housing association in London, England. Media are invited to attend.

Domestic violence has a profound impact on homelessness and housing instability, particularly for women. This forum will focus on the unique role of housing and service providers in supporting survivors of domestic violence. It will bring together government, legal, academic, and community organizations to discuss ways to improve systems and services to better serve those affected by domestic violence.

The morning session includes the keynote address and presentations from Homeward Trust and the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters: both highlighting the important work they are doing to connect people fleeing abusive domestic situations with stable housing and appropriate supports. The afternoon session focuses on housing providers and includes presentations by the Alberta Residential Landlord Association and Capital Region Housing Corporation.

### **Domestic Violence and Housing Forum**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 11, 2016

**Place:** Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel  
10155 – 105 Street

**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Ms. Helevuo-Burnet will be available to speak to media between 12:30 and 1:00 pm.

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