MEDIA ADVISORY

Regional Forum on Housing First Best Practices

ABBOTSFORD October 14, 2015 - As part of this year’s 10th annual Homelessness Action Week which takes place October 11 – 17, the City of Abbotsford is hosting a Regional Forum on Housing First Best Practices, tomorrow October 15th from 8:30am – 4:00pm at the University of the Fraser Valley – The Great Hall.

The Forum is free to participants, including media and additional information and registration information can be found online at www.abbotsfordinvite.ca/housingfirstforum

The forum will include:

**Housing First Best Practices Forum and World Café Dialogue.** Panelists will share their best practices for a community response to housing people experiencing homelessness. Topics include: wrap around support, intensive case management and the role of shelters & outreach in the housing first approach.

**Keynote Address by Alice Sundburg on Collective Impact:** A framework a community may use when tackling a complex, challenging social issue such as homelessness. A shared vision for change, shared goals and outcomes for community decision making are among the topics that will be discussed in this presentation.

**Integral Strategy Roadmap: “Imagine a desired future and develop a roadmap to get there.”** This presentation will introduce a workshop series that will be offered later this fall. The outcome of the workshop series will be a detailed visualization of the Homelessness in Abbotsford Action Plan.

**Date:** October 15, 2015  
**Time:** 8:30am – 4:00pm  
**Location:** UFV, The Great Hall  
33844 King Road, Abbotsford

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