



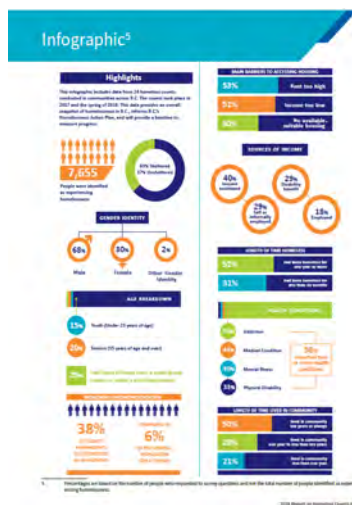
HSABC

Homelessness Services Association of BC

Welcome to our second HSABC newsletter! Our first newsletter received over 140 subscriptions, and we are very excited to have you back!

This year is shaping up to be a big one for us at HSABC, and this newsletter will let you know about a number of projects and initiatives we are working on throughout the province.

2018 Report on Homeless Counts in B.C.



HSABC was pleased to lead the coordination of 12 Provincially funded homeless counts in communities across B.C. The results from the counts were combined with data from 12 additional counts and shelter data to paint an overall snapshot of homelessness in B.C.

The [2018 Report on Homeless Counts in B.C.](#) provides important baseline information on the estimated number, key demographic and service provision needs of people experiencing homelessness in communities across B.C.

A total of 7,655 individuals were identified as experiencing homelessness in the 2018 Report on Homeless Counts in B.C. This included 219 children who were under the age of 19 and accompanied by a parent or guardian. The majority were sheltered (63%) and 37% were unsheltered.

To learn more about the count, and to read the full report click [HERE](#).

#buildhomesnotbarriers | With BCNPHA

From Penticton to Langley, Maple Ridge, Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, Parksville, and other communities across the province, concerns about loss of neighbourhood character, fears of increased crime and threats to personal safety and decreasing property values have led to increased opposition to the development of new supportive and affordable rental housing.

A cursory glance at the headlines in communities throughout the province shows the prevailing attitude is often, “Great idea – just build it far away from my house.”

As new supportive housing, transitional housing and modular housing is built address the needs of those experiencing homelessness, we need to engage communities using an evidence-based approach to the discussion to have a real influence on the outcome of these development proposals, and advance the dialogue about homelessness, poverty, and mental health in communities, as done recently in [Richmond](#) and [Langley](#).

At HSABC, in partnership with our colleagues at [BCNPHA](#), and building on the [BC Housing Community Acceptance Series](#), we have developed a toolbox of community engagement strategies to provide hands-on support to our members and other community stakeholders. *We want to provide you with the tools needed to be local housing champions.*

Whether you are planning on (re)developing any form of affordable housing in your community, or are already directly affected by opposition to your project, we

Connect with us so we can support you in preparing to mitigate opposition through education, engagement and activation.

To learn more please contact Peer-Daniel Krause at peer-daniel@bcnpha.ca or James Casperson at james.casperson@hsa-bc.ca and let us know about your project and how we can help.

Regional Education, Networking & Tradeshow |RENT



Participants at the 2018 RENT



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HSABC is proud to partner with BCNPHA in hosting the RENT events!

As the provincial association for non-profit housings societies, [BCNPHA](#) hosts regional sessions around British Columbia for non-profit housing societies and others from the sector.

This year, HSABC will partner with BCNPHA to deliver training and education at the Surrey, Prince George and Kelowna, BCNPHA RENT events which offer:

- A full-day of quality housing and homelessness services education, filled with inspiring and thought-provoking speakers, engaging dialogue and hands-on learning.
- Facilitated community development and in-depth exploration of regional issues.
- Dedicated networking opportunities with other non-profits, private sector companies, and municipal and provincial leaders from your region. Tradeshow exhibitions with the latest products and services available to non-profit housing societies designed to help you save money and become more efficient

More information about sign up coming soon!

City of Vernon | Homelessness and Attainable Housing Strategy Update



Workshop in Vernon, BC

In partnership with [Urban Matters](#), HSABC is currently working on updating the City of Vernon's [Homelessness](#) and [Attainable Housing Strategy](#). In December we hosted a workshop where we presented the preliminary strategy to over 70 participants. The goal of the workshop was to find out if anything was missing, discuss whether it would work in Vernon and determine who can help make implement the strategy.

The update aims to better understand the current context of housing and homelessness in Vernon, hear from stakeholders and individuals with lived experience of housing vulnerability or homelessness. We also are identifying emerging and best practices followed by developing recommendations that work in the context of Vernon.

Upcoming HSABC Training

HSABC is hosting a number of upcoming in-person training and online webinars. These training opportunities provide a range of opportunities for HSABC members for skills training and professional development opportunities to build confidence and capacity.

Please see below for an upcoming schedule, and [go here](#) to sign up today!

Full Day In-Person Training

February 14th | Managing Hostile Interactions | Kelowna

February 21st | Managing Hostile Interactions | Vancouver

February 25th | Managing Hostile Interactions | Nanaimo

February 26th | Mental Health, Addiction and Trauma | Vancouver

March 7th | Mental Health, Addiction and Trauma | Chilliwack

Webinar

February 6th | Trauma in the Shelter Sector - Part I

February 7th | Repairs and Maintenance - with TRAC

February 13th | Trauma in the Shelter Sector - Part II

February 21st | Effective Document and Report Writing

February 21st | Suicide Prevention Checklist

March 5th | Conflict Communication and Listening

Training Spotlight | Mental Health, Addiction and Trauma

Participants in this HSABC training class explore the overlap between trauma, mental health and addiction. Schizophrenia, depression and the many faces of anxiety will be covered, as well as effective strategies for engagement and interventions. Group participants will have an opportunity to examine common.

Instructor: Katherine Aubrey

Thanks so much for reading, and see you all soon!

The HSABC team