

Simcoe County Data Consortium UPDATE

Community Data Program | Spring 2016

Community Engagement Day

The Community Engagement Day was held on October 1, 2015. Titled "Making Choices Together – Re-imagining Poverty Reduction in Simcoe County," the day was a great success with 97% of those who completed the follow-up survey indicating they made a positive commitment to taking, or continuing to take, action to help reduce poverty in Simcoe County.

Report Coming in Summer 2016.

Community Engagement Event Making Choices Together Re-imagining Poverty Reduction in Simcoe County

Oct. 1, 2015 | 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Simcoe County Museum

Join us for a day of thoughtful conversation and collaborative action to reduce poverty and improve the well-being of our residents.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Forrest Willett
Resident of Simcoe County in a single parent home with two siblings, Forrest Willett shared what it's like growing up in poverty in 2002, the week a car accident leaving him with a catastrophic brain injury. Since then, Forrest has transformed his grief from helplessness to speaker. Forrest is now a bestselling author and motivational speaker with his story featured in the New York Times Bestseller *The Secret Philosophy of Jack Canfield* and also works with Jack Canfield's training people in mastering their potential.



FACILITATOR:
Michael Jones
A longtime resident of Simcoe, Michael Jones is a widely recognized community mental health counselor and reciting artist who engages the public in the leadership program and learning opportunities. He is the author of three books on the emerging leadership including most recently, *The Star of Peace*. Michael has also been a keynote speaker, conference facilitator, and thought leader with the Simcoe Institute for Community Engagement as well as a Senior Associate with The MIT Chicago Project and a keynote speaker with the Greenleaf Centre for Service Leadership.

As seating is limited, registration will be available to a maximum of two representatives from each organisation on a first come-first served basis. For more information please contact: Trevor McManis, County of Simcoe, 705-722-3132 ext. 1460



20,000 Homes Campaign

Over 120 volunteers and professional staff were involved in the local 20,000 Homes Campaign Registry Week on January 13 to 20. Close to 300 surveys were completed with individuals experiencing homelessness, which will be used to help connect these individuals to housing and related services in the community.

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Living Wage

Community partners collaborated and engaged together to produce a Living Wage calculation for Simcoe County. Currently, the calculation is undergoing a peer review process with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA).

A Living Wage Technical Report will be released for Summer 2016.

What's New...

There's plenty of new data in the communitydata.ca catalogue:

Community Poverty Project Tables

- Five additional tables related to Income, Visible Minority, Immigration, and Activity Limitation

National Household Survey Custom Topic-based Tabulations

- Aboriginal Identity
- Industry
- Income and Housing
- Occupation

Statistics Canada

- Canadian Community Health Survey, Annual Component, 2011 – 2012
- Labour Force Survey, Two year estimates
- Population Estimates, by age & sex, 2001-2015



What Have You Been Up To?

Have you created something using data from the CCSD Community Data Program? If so, you can show off your work to the network and drive traffic to your website!

Find what others have done with CDP data at <http://communitydata.ca/resources> under **Community Snapshots**.



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Data Purchase Updates

Core Housing Need Data

The CDP will be acquiring core housing need data, similar to what is available with the CMHC's HiCO tool. The following data will be available for all geographies, except for the DA geography:

- Household type
- CMHC housing standards
- Aboriginal Status
- Household data
- Age of primary maintainer
- Core housing need status
- Tenure

The DA geography tables will only contain the following dimensions: Core housing need status, CMHC housing standard, Household data and Tenure.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Permanent Resident Data Cube

By the end of March, this data set for various geographic levels should be available publicly on Canada's Open Data Portal. In the meantime, request for statistics can be made through IRCC's Statistics mailbox (Statistics-Statistiques@cic.gc.ca).

Canada's Open Data Portal can be accessed at <http://open.canada.ca/en/open-data>

2016 Census

Community Supporter Toolkit contains electronic promotional material for the Census and Census jobs.

http://www.labourcouncil.ca/uploads/8/8/6/1/8861416/census-toolkit_recensement-trousse_2016.pdf



Upcoming Community Project

Vital Signs 2016

The second series of Vital Signs for Simcoe/Muskoka is currently being produced. Vital Signs is a locally driven and focused research report intended to start conversations and identify trends and gaps to help communities act on local priorities and opportunities.

Report coming Fall 2016.

Strength-in-Numbers

The remaining Strength-in-Numbers "Poverty in Canada" infographics have been released, and can be accessed at <http://ccsd.ca/index.php/evidence/strength-in-numbers-series>

Stay tuned for the upcoming theme, "Income Inequality".

Updated Datasets and Tools

These have been updated to their most recent version:

- TransUnion, Credit Report Characteristics, Q1 2015
- Employment and Social Development Canada, Shelter Capacity Report 2015

Stay tuned for the release of Schedule B for 2016-2017 Data Purchase Releases.

County of Simcoe Open Data

Check out the Data Consortium Webpage for new interactive data charts of 2006 and 2011 Statistics Canada Census data! More to come!

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