

#HHChat November 18th, 2014

We invited Tanya Gulliver (Canadian Observatory on Homelessness) and Tim Richter (Canadian Alliance on Homelessness) to join our discussion on the state of homelessness. Together with Stephen Gaetz, they were the authors of the new State of Homelessness 2014 report.

You can download the full report at: homelesshub.ca/SOHC2014



The State of Homelessness in Canada 2014

Canada is nearing an important crossroads in our response to homelessness. Since homelessness emerged as a significant problem - in fact, as a crisis - in the 1990s, with the withdrawal of the federal government's investment in affordable housing, communities have struggled to respond.

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Using our usual question and answer style, we posed 7 questions to our participants on a variety of topics from main contributors to homelessness, preventative strategies, successful service models, needs of Aboriginal communities, importance of data gathering, different types of housing models as well as government and citizen responsibility in solving this crisis.

Some of our participants included:



Homeless Hub
@homelesshub

#HHChat @TanyaMGulliver is our research coordinator and a PhD student/faculty member @EnvironmentYork of #YorkUniversity

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

Looking forward to the @homelesshub Tweet chat starting NOW. Follow #HHChat for more as we discuss the state of homelessness in Canada

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@homelesshub

We are also joined by [@timrichter](#) who is the President & CEO of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness [@CAEHomelessness](#) [#HHChat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

Glad to be here [#hhchat](#)

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Adam Vaughan
@TOAdamVaughan

TODAY: Join discussion on state of homelessness in Canada with [@timrichter](#) & [@TanyaMGulliver](#) at 1-2PM (ET) via [#HHChat](#) [@homelesshub](#)

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Shelba Waldron
@ShelbaWaldron

[#hhchat](#) Signing in from Pinellas County, Florida (St. Pete/Clearwater)

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Subz
@Sabzzi

Housing and outreach worker from Cambridge, ON [#hhchat](#). Looking forward to this discussion

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RaY Inc.
@RaYWinnipeg

Resource Assistance for Youth from Winnipeg, MB. "Providing youth with what they need, to better their lives" [#HHChat](#) [rayinc.ca](#)

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Julie McKercher
@JulieMcKercher

#HHChat signing in from rural ottawa

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

#HHChat signing in from Calgary.

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Marjolaine Boutin-S.
@MarjBoutinSweet

Glad to join #HHChat #homelessness #CDNpoli #itinérance #polcan

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We were happy to have returning participants from our previous chats and received some great responses from the group. Here is the conversation that followed:

Question 1:



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@homelesshub

Q1: What do you think is the major contributor to the homelessness problem that we experience today? #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A1: The govt withdrawal from spending on hsg has been a huge factor combined with high rents & low incomes #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A1: As Tanya said, we can trace rise of modern mass homelessness to withdrawal of feds from housing, compounded by other fed cuts
[#hhchat](#)

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Paula Simons
@Paulatics

[@timrichter](#) Also linked, surely, to the closing of psychiatric hospitals & cuts to programs for the mentally ill & disabled.

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

[@TanyaMGulliver](#) [@Paulatics](#) yes absolutely. [#hhchat](#)

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Subz
@Sabzzi

A1: Lack of a national housing strategy. Low social assistance rates that are no where near LICO's. Affordable housing crisis. [#HHchat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

Ai: [@Sabzzi](#) - Social assistance rates are a huge issue. Pensions too.
[#HHChat](#)

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Julie McKercher
@JulieMcKercher

[#HHChat](#) aren't there a multiplicity of issues? Mental health, insecure employment, family breakdown, situational and generational poverty

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A1 Yes Julie - you're right - we have to remember too from SOHC13 the discussion about structural, systemic and individual factors [#hhchat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A1 1/2 The single most important factor is a lack of housing. We still see homelessness in most advanced European welfare states .. [#hhchat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

2/2 but we don't see it at the level we see in North America because of a lack of housing [#hhchat](#)

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Marjolaine Boutin-S.
@MarjBoutinSweet

A1. Canada needs a national [#housing](#) strategy 2 end homelessness + provide adequate homes everywhere across the country [#HHChat](#)
[#ARoofARight](#)

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Marjolaine Boutin-S.
@MarjBoutinSweet

a1. Ns avons besoin d'une stratégie sur [#logement](#) pour mettre fin à l'itinérance et fournir logements adéquats à tous [#HHChat](#)
[#UnToitUnDroit](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@MarjBoutinSweet absolutely [#hhchat](#)

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Subz
@Sabzzi

'Neither the history of an individual nor the history of society can be understood, without understanding both' [#cdnpoli](#) [#HHchat](#)

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

A1: I think more empathy in the research process hurts needed as well. Plans are well intentioned, but still based on stereotypes [#hhchat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A1: @nkirk4homeless often hard for ppl to organize when fighting daily for survival. suggestions to help with this? [#HHChat](#)

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

@TanyaMGulliver I heard something our of CAEH14 about a national client action committee. 1/2 #hhchat

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

@TanyaMGulliver Also, I would hire homeless or recently homeless to be active members of the research team. 2/2 #PAR #HHchat

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RaY Inc.
@RaYWinnipeg

A1: A lack of supports for struggling families & youth and an overall lack of prevention. #HHChat

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Shelba Waldron
@ShelbaWaldron

#HHChat A1; Lack of coordination between service providers such as Nonprofit, education, govt., and private sector.

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

1/2 To the points about systems & support > the European experience shows us we could have all the housing in the world and... #hhchat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

2/2 still have homelessness. But we absolutely MUST have housing. Supports & systems alignment, prevention etc ... still critical #hhchat

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Oriana
@LilHurricaneo

#HHChat as a person with mental illness I worry about becoming homeless if the gov stops funding BC Housing or disability

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Adam Vaughan
@TOAdamVaughan

A1 Major cause of homelessness- The lack of a national housing strategy with real dollars, real goals and real programmes. #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@TOAdamVaughan Single most important factor behind the rise of mass homelessness in Canada is withdrawal of the feds from housing #hhchat

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

@timrichter @TOAdamVaughan Coupled with the way too low ODSP and OW rates in Ontario. #hhchat

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Question 2:



Homeless Hub
@homelesshub

Q2: What are some of the preventative strategies that can stop people from becoming homeless? #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A2: 1/2 - Most "prevention" happens when ppl are already homeless to help end it quickly. Prevention means BEFORE it happens. #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A2: 2/2 - We need to look systemically & structurally. Child welfare, corrections, health care, education all have roles to play. #HHChat

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Subz
@Sabzzi

A2-Building better supports in our community, housing someone is one thing, supporting them when housed is another. #hhchat

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RaY Inc.
@RaYWinnipeg

A2: Certainly early preventative measures with youth. Tenancy/eviction supports and working with the private sector. #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A2: Eliminating discharge into homelessness is a critical first step.
[#hhchat](#)

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Alison Smith
@AliSmith_UdeM

[@timrichter](#) BC has a rent supplement prog to prevent homelessness for ppl exiting hospitals/prisons bchousing.org/resources/Part... (p5)
[#HHchat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

[@AliSmith_UdeM](#) [@timrichter](#) excellent example [#hhchat](#)

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Shelba Waldron
@ShelbaWaldron

[#HHChat](#) A2: Having a systems navigator will help curb a person or family from experiencing homelessness.

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A2: Homelessness prevention is ill-defined and generally poorly targeted and largely ineffective. [#hhchat](#)

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Julie McKercher
@JulieMcKercher

[#hhchat](#) A2: Too simplistic? big picture thinking - more money in the pockets of those that need it

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A2: The key to making it work is working backward from the shelter door, start on known pathways, prioritize those at greatest risk [#hhchat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

Backwards is good [@timrichter](#)] How do we prevent it at early ages -- programs in high schools & for parents about LGBTQ2S issues - [#HHChat](#)

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Subz
@Sabzzi

A2: A diversion program that helps individuals on the verge of becoming homeless retain their housing. [#hhchat](#)

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Shelba Waldron
@ShelbaWaldron

[#hhchat](#) We have to stop cutting mental health services. We must if we have any hope of curbing homelessness.

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Shelba Waldron
@ShelbaWaldron

#hhchat Not sure where this goes, but guaranteed childcare for families facing homelessness needs to be a priority.

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Ayesha Noorani
@AyeshaNoorani

#HHChat A2: 1/2 to prevent individual **#homelessness**, a solid referral system bw frontline workers 2 ensure action b4 crisis stage at the LTB

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Ayesha Noorani
@AyeshaNoorani

#HHChat A2: 2/2 broadly, focus on **#HousingFirst**, push 2 increase social assistance which currently keeps ppl in cycle of **#poverty**

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Adam Vaughan
@TOAdamVaughan

A2: The homeless come from many circumstances, tough to single out solutions. Rent Sup. accessible housing, mental health sup help
#HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@TOAdamVaughan yes true, but there are ways to prioritize. I'd argue we have to prioritize if we want to make progress **#hhchat**

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Question 3:



Homeless Hub
@homelesshub

Q3: What methods can you point to that have led to a noticeable reduction in homelessness? #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A3: 1/2 - Housing, housing and more housing! It sounds so simple and it is. Housing (with supports) solves homelessness. #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A3: 2/2 - #HousingFirst is a winner. But it's not JUST about hsg. It's housing + supports. And that + is key! Supports are needed. #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@TanyaMGulliver 1/2 I believe homelessness is predictable. We can figure out who's at greatest risk based on ... #hhchat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@TanyaMGulliver 2/2 ...presence of risk factors & absence of protective factors & intervene proactively #hhchat

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Subz
@Sabzzi

A3: Lutherwood services here in [#cambridge](#) has developed a family diversion program. Families don't enter shelters. [#hhchat](#)

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Shelba Waldron
@ShelbaWaldron

system navigation and collaborative partnerships jwbpinellas.org/family-service... [#HHChat](#)

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RaY Inc.
@RaYWinnipeg

A3: Developing trusting relationships and providing integrated and holistic services suitable to each individual's need. [#HHChat](#)

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

A3!ve noticed in Calgary, we've failed to "close the back door." All services require you to be in a shelter. None for prevention. [#HHChat](#)

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

A3: It's simple, expand services so that they can help you BEFORE you are in crisis. 1/2 [#HHChat](#)

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

That means, hiring more staff to loosen bottlenecks, and broadening mission scope of service providers. 2/2 #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@nkirk4homeless well said #hhchat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A3 - That's a big issue. @nkirk4homeless - Same with hsg. Why not help ppl stay housed or find better hsg when they need it? #HHChat

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Maggie Reid
@maggieireid

housing first plus access to adequate and stable resources #HHChat

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Havenr
@craigless2

@RaYWinnipeg @homelesshub #HHChat #Homeless ppl are pretty much exhausted, physically, emotionally & mentally. Give nutrition

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

I live in a place with a 1 year limit, transitional. Because I'm not in a shelter, I can't get on the waiting list for other housing. #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@nkirk4homeless and if you were homeless you would score lower on Calgary Housing waiting list than if u were in housing #hhchat

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Shelba Waldron
@ShelbaWaldron

#hhchat I can't speak for Canada, but I've noticed that here in the US, providers, educators, and govt. don't grasp basic concepts of poverty

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Oriana
@LilHurricaneo

#HHChat housing needs to be affordable for the \$ limit for welfare/disability

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Adam Vaughan
@TOAdamVaughan

A3: coaching and social support, rent control and housing supply all must strengthen. When they do, homeless #'s are reduced. #HHChat

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Question 4:



Homeless Hub
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Q4: What kind of supports and investments are needed for Aboriginal communities in Canada? #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A4: 1/3 - We need to invest in hsg for ALL Aboriginal Peoples - First Nations, Metis, Inuit & Innu. Remote, rural, reserve & urban [#HHChat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A4: 2/3 - Housing needs to meet CMHC standards for safety & adequacy even if it's in a northern, rural or remote community. [#HHChat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A4: 3/3 - The fed govt needs to get handle on extent of the problem in order to solve it. A new audit of Aboriginal hsg is needed. [#HHChat](#)

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Alison Smith
@AliSmith_UdeM

[@homelesshub](#) A4 funding and autonomy to aboriginal service providers, [@Na_me_res](#) is a great example

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CAMH NYAC
@NYAC_

[@homelesshub](#) A4: More community walk-in centres, immediate access to MH support [#HHChat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

Q4: I think we need to start by understanding the impact of residential schools. Until recently, I don't think I fully appreciated [#hhchat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A4 - [@timrichter](#) what helped you better understand intergenerational trauma and the impact of residential schools? [#HHChat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A4: I live in one of the richest cities in the world, yet an hour from my front door, ppl are living in 3rd world conditions [#hhchat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

1/2 I want to reiterate the data & prevention points. Homelessness is predictable. It isn't as random as we like to think [#hhchat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

2/2 People follow a predictable path into homelessness & will almost always touch a public or social system on their way in [#hhchat](#)

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Marjolaine Boutin-S.
@MarjBoutinSweet

A4: Native communities in the North need more, better, culturally adapted housing #HHChat

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Adam Vaughan
@TOAdamVaughan

A4: Aboriginal housing needs must be met everywhere. In trad communities and cities. Supportive housing a must. Esp shelters 4 women #HHChat

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Marjolaine Boutin-S.
@MarjBoutinSweet

Conservatives need to index funding 4 HPS, which has become underfunded over years because of the rising costs of services & salaries #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@MarjBoutinSweet need to increase it first then index from a more realistic baseline #hhchat

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Question 5:



Homeless Hub
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Q5: What role do you see the collection of data play in furthering efforts to eliminate homelessness in Canada? #HHChat

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Marjolaine Boutin-S.
@MarjBoutinSweet

There's a lack of data on homelessness in most Cdn communities. We need+ to paint a complete picture, including less visible aspects
[#HHChat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

[@MarjBoutinSweet](#) YES! We can track every cow from birth to burger but can't say (beyond an estimate) how many people are homeless
[#hhchat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

That's such a western expression! [@timrichter](#) But sooo true!
[@MarjBoutinSweet](#) We do need data. And accessible data! [#HHChat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A5: Data lets us know the extent of the problem but it needs to be aligned locally/nationally & collected regularly. [#HHChat](#)

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Subz
@Sabzzi

A5- Data helps us realize the impact of homelessness across the country and locally and therefore we can plan accordingly. [#HHchat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A5: We need a National Point in Time count. The govt needs to formally adopt [@homelesshub](#) common definition of [#homelessness](#) [#HHChat](#)

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RaY Inc.
@RaYWinnipeg

A5: Data has a role to play in measuring the effectiveness of our programs & allows us 2 evaluate & make adjustments as needed [#HHChat](#)

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RaY Inc.
@RaYWinnipeg

A5: Data also has a role to play in identifying trends and allowing us to be proactive. [#HHChat](#)

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

A5: As previously stated, it could provide short-term contract employment to the Homeless as research assistants. [#HHChat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A5: There is a MOUNTAIN of data and research on homelessness, but we collect lots of useless stuff and don't use it right [#hhchat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

And @timrichter lots of communities don't have access to the data they collect or the know-how to interpret it. They need \$ support #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A5: 1/2 we need visibility of how people are moving thru the system, who is moving thru and whether or not the interventions ... #hhchat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A5: 2/2 ..are EFFECTIVE in ending homelessness. Which means we need outcome clarity and accountability to the housing outcome #hhchat

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

Quantitative data such as numbers, really is only useful for justifying funding. Ending homelessness isn't about funding. 1/2 #HHChat

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

But, what is needed is more qualitative data. Stories of trauma and abuse, experiences. How they feel the system has failed them 2/2 #HHchat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

Agreed re trauma stories @nkirk4homeless but how do agencies collect without retraumatizing again? (besides peer researchers) #HHChat

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Nigel Kirk
@nkirk4homeless

@TanyaMGulliver Peer researchers are exactly what's missing. But also having trauma counselors on site for both clients and staff. #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

I think peer researchers are a given @nkirk4homeless :-)) We need to help agencies know how else to help. #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A5: homeless services tend to be great at program evaluation for funders, very nervous about accountability for housing outcome #hhchat

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Subz
@Sabzzi

A5- Data is great. But if the people in power chose to ignore it and let it collect dust on a shelf. What's the point? #HHchat

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Subz
@Sabzzi

Consv. ideology does not take into consideration society's resp. towards social issues. Homelessness is not on their radar. #hhchat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@Sabzzi I don't think conservatives alone can be blamed - ironically some of the greatest progress has happened under conservatives #hhchat

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Subz
@Sabzzi

@timrichter No I don't disagree that progress hasn't been made under them. However in context they haven't done much. #HHchat

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Question 6:



Homeless Hub
@homelesshub

Q6: Housing solves homelessness, but what kind of housing is needed? #HHChat

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Shelba Waldron
@ShelbaWaldron

#hhchat Whatever housing is needed it must be accompanied by educational, mental health, and life skills services.

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@timrichter A6: Housing investment in Canada is poorly targeted, it tends to be spread thin and high-barriered #hhchat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A6: 1/3 - We need to invest in rental hsg. 1/3 of Cdn households are renters but over 85% of new builds are for homeowners. #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A6: 2/3 - Fed. Govt spends significantly more on homeowners subsidies - about \$8.6B to \$2.1B for renters. These need to even out #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A6: 3/3 - But we need ALL kinds of hsg - small units, big units, apt bldgs, single homes - hsg needs to match household diversity #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A6: 1/2 I think we need to reconsider our approach to housing in Canada and prioritize based on need; concentrate our resources .. #hhchat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A6: 2/2 first on deep subsidy supportive housing, then general purpose affordable housing all allocated on basis of a local plan #hhchat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A6: And we have to drag the feds, prov, munis, local funders & homeless services to the same local tables. #hhchat

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Shelba Waldron
@ShelbaWaldron

@timrichter You need a backbone organization to serve as a convener of the stakeholders. #hhchat

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André Darmanin
@Andre_GovtRels

"Yes! @timrichter: A6: And we have to drag the feds, prov, munis, local funders & homeless services to the same local tables. #hhchat"

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@ShelbaWaldron exactly! #hhchat

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RaY Inc.
@RaYWinnipeg

A6: For youth, supported housing is crucial. There is a diff between an 16yo and 35yo. Housing & supports must cater to these needs
[#HHChat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

[@RaYWinnipeg](#) And often enough the 35 year old, started out as a homeless youth and still has no idea how to live independently [#hhchat](#)

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Shelba Waldron
@ShelbaWaldron

[#hhchat](#) A6: Homelessness is more than just housing. It's beyond that. Case management & navigation is crucial to keep recidivism low.

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A6: 1/2 Homelessness is the policy equivalent of a high school dance. Everyone is there all standing around looking at one another [#hhchat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A6: Waiting for someone to make the first move. Leadership is essential. [#hhchat](#)

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Marjolaine Boutin-S.
@MarjBoutinSweet

By 2016, 100 000 social housing units in Canada will be affected by the end of long-term agreements with the federal government #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@MarjBoutinSweet Which is crazy! if we're in a hole we have to stop digging #hhchat

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

A6: We need a housing mix - this includes more supportive housing units, more affordable housing and market rental buildings. #hhchat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@IsaacCoplan yep. Toughest question for gov't & community: where does 1st \$, 2nd \$ and 3rd \$ go? #hhchat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

It's a hard question @timrichter @IsaacCoplan BUT let's start building hsg now. If the mix is wrong it can be adjusted. #HHChat

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

@TanyaMGulliver @IsaacCoplan EXCELLENT point. Let's not let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Get started! #hhchat

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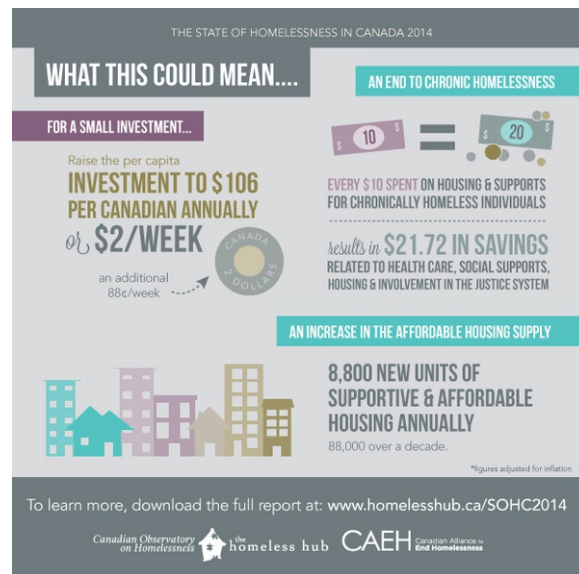
Question 7:



Homeless Hub
@homelesshub

Q7: If the fed govt invests \$106/Cdn/yr we could solve this crisis. What would you be willing to give up to help #endhomelessness? #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A7: 1/3 - I'm willing to pay MORE taxes if it means we can #endhomelessness. It's cheaper overall & it's the right thing to do. #HHChat

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A7: 2/3 - The feds could require corporations to pay more taxes, cancel income splitting, or reduce spending in a number of areas [#HHChat](#)

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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

A7: 3/3 - Personally, I can do without a car and can give up eating out, Cmas presents and pop if it would [#endhomelessness](#) [#HHChat](#)

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

A7: I would be happy to work myself out of that job, to be perfectly honest. Or change my course to 'the history of homelessness' [#hhchat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A7: We could end homelessness for less than the cost of income splitting. I'd happily give up my tax break! [#hhchat](#)

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

A7: I look forward to working myself out of a job. [#hhchat](#)

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

I would gladly give the 106! [#hhchat](#)

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And it's only \$46 MORE @IsaacCoplan - feds already spend \$60/pp annually see homelesshub.ca/sohc2014 for more info #HHChat

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@TanyaMGulliver

A7: Ppl working in shelters could become hsg workers - a much happier job opportunity & healthier for residents #HHChat

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Isaac
@IsaacCoplan

@TanyaMGulliver Thats a very good point, compassionate, well trained staff will still have a role in a prevention focused sector #hhchat

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Some last remarks of the discussion:



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Thanks for the great discussion everyone! We will post the next topic for the chat on this webpage: bit.ly/1rdNI8z #HHChat

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ACF-FCA
@ACF_FCA

The State of Homelessness in Canada 2014. We encourage everyone to read it and to act..homelesshub.ca/SOHC2014 #HHChat
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Tanya GulliverGarcia
@TanyaMGulliver

Thanks @ACF_FCA We're all very proud of the #SOHC2014 and think it has some solid recommendation #HHChat - glad to see that people like it!

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Tim Richter
@timrichter

Gotta say it is very cool that @MarjBoutinSweet and @TOAdamVaughan joined us today! Thank you #hhchat

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@TanyaMGulliver

National Housing Day this week. Watch for events across the country & follow along Twitter using #HousingMatters & #CDNHousingDay #HHChat

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Marjolaine Boutin-S.
@MarjBoutinSweet

Better funding to fight homelessness and for #SocialHousing is an investment not just an expense #ARoofARight #HHChat homelesshub.ca/ResourceFiles/...

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Marjolaine Boutin-S.
@MarjBoutinSweet

Mieux financer la lutte à l'itinérance et le #LogementSocial est un investissement, pas juste une dépense! #HHChat homelesshub.ca/ResourceFiles/...

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@MarjBoutinSweet

Let's support social housing in Canada petition.ndp.ca/support-social...
[#ARoofARight](#) [#CDNpoli](#) [#HHChat](#)

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Marjolaine Boutin-S.
@MarjBoutinSweet

La fin des ententes affectera des milliers de ménages : défendons le logement social petition.ndp.ca/defendons-le-l... [#polcan](#) [#HHChat](#)
[#UnToitUnDroit](#)

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