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Government of Yukon hosting poverty reduction and housing forum

The Government of Yukon is hosting a poverty reduction and housing forum called *Expanding the Connection: Poverty and Housing* on July 12 in Whitehorse.

The public forum will bring together community champions and government and non-government officials in an attempt to broaden understanding of the connection between housing and poverty.

On the evening before the forum, the public is welcome to attend a documentary film on homelessness in southern Alberta called *Where is Home?* at the Beringia Centre. After the film there will be an opportunity to hear from the filmmaker Dan Berdusco.

The event is an initiative of the Government of Yukon's Housing Corporation and Department of Health and Social Services.

Quotes

"We need to build a stronger understanding of the connections between access to safe, affordable housing and poverty. This forum will provide an opportunity for the community to explore these connections and learn about innovative local projects."

–Minister of Health and Social Services and Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation Pauline Frost

Quick facts

- The forum will build on community work already underway as a part of the Housing Action Plan for Yukon.
- The Housing Action Plan includes a commitment to host an annual forum and this event will be the third annual Yukon Housing Forum.
- There will be updates on innovative local projects and a presentation on the two years of progress since the launch of the Housing Action Plan.
- Medicine Hat Community Housing Society manager of the Homeless and Housing Development Department Jamie Rogers will be the keynote speaker.
- The Government of Canada is currently consulting with Canadians across Canada on poverty reduction. This event is an opportunity to better inform the development of the Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- Later this year, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation will deliver a National Housing Strategy which will establish a renewed partnership between Canada and the provinces and territories to better support shared housing priorities.

Register to attend the forum: Email jan.slipetz@gov.yk.ca

Learn more: *Where is home?* Facebook event

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