



PRESS RELEASE

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Legal Clinic AGM follows special presentation on ACTION ON Poverty Reduction. It can start with you!

"The 25-in-5 Blueprint for Poverty Reduction in Ontario"

The Community Advocacy & Legal Centre (CALC) is holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 1:00 p.m. on November 20, 2008 at St. Thomas Anglican Church, Belleville. Members of the public are invited to attend to celebrate the work of the legal clinic and review the clinic's accomplishments over the past year. The clinic's new logo will be launched.

Board Chairperson Tim Grew congratulates Michele Leering, Executive Director of CALC, on her selection as a Community Leadership in Justice Fellow for the 2008/2009 academic term with the Law Foundation of Ontario. "Our legal clinic and our Executive Director will be partnering with Osgoode Hall Law School to explore ways to increase access to civil justice for people living in poverty or on a low income" said Grew.

Prior to the CALC AGM the Affordable Housing Action Network will be presenting "The 25-in-5 Blueprint for Poverty Reduction in Ontario". Mr. Marvyn Novick, guest speaker, is also the Co-founder of Campaign 2000. His 2007 report on Summoned to Stewardship called for national targets and timetables to reduce child poverty by 25% in five years, and 50% in ten years.

Both events will be held at the St. Thomas Anglican Church, at 201 Church Street, Belleville. "The 25-in-5 Blueprint for Poverty Reduction in Ontario" from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with CALC's annual general meeting to follow at 1:00 pm. A free lunch will be provided at 12:00 p.m.

ASL interpretation services will be provided if requested prior to November 14, 2008, by contacting Lynda Morgan at 613-966-8686, extension 25. FM devices will be available at the event.

CALC is a non-profit community legal clinic funded by Legal Aid Ontario. The clinic was founded in 1980 and is currently staffed by lawyers, community legal workers, law clerks and support staff. Low income residents of Hastings, Prince Edward and Lennox & Addington counties are served through the clinic's main office in Belleville, or at satellite locations in Trenton, Picton, Napanee, Bancroft and Madoc.

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