

# Advocacy & Policy Development



## An HPC Resource List

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## Overview

### What is Advocacy?

Often described as a process of empowerment, advocacy is the act of speaking out for a cause or course of action. Advocacy initiatives involve strategy, actions and solutions. The aim of advocacy is to influence decision-making at all levels of government and the creation of positive change for people and their environment. Advocacy can occur for oneself, another person, a group, or to change a system.

### What is Policy?

Policies are the rules that govern our everyday lives. They provide the framework used to address an issue, and guide our actions, decisions and responses. Policy development is actively creating, effecting or implementing policy. The affects of policies may transcend the globe and impact people economically, socially and/or environmentally. What we do and how we do it is all affected by policy.

### What You Will Find In This Document:

Within the “Advocacy & Policy Development” resource list, you will find a variety of information from provincial, national and international sources on the topic of advocacy and policy development. This resource list is organized into five sections: *Overview*, *Documents*, *Organizational Links*, *Other Tools and Resources*, and *Government Links*. A brief description of each section is included below:

- *Overview* provides a general description of the topics represented in this resource list.
- *Documents* is made up of toolkits and reports that are available online.
- *Organizational Links* lists relevant provincial, national and international groups affiliated with advocacy and policy development.
- *Other Tools and Resources* includes key websites, databases, and portals related to advocacy and policy.
- *Government Links* is a list of key federal, provincial and municipal government contacts.

# Documents

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## **A Brief Guide to Understanding Policy Development**

**Author:** Dukeshire, S. and Thurlow, J.  
**Date:** 2002  
**Source:** Rural Communities Impacting Policy, Atlantic Health Promotion Research Centre and Dalhousie University  
**Description:** This document provides information on understanding policy development.  
**URL:** [www.ruralnovascotia.ca/documents/policy/understanding%20policy.pdf](http://www.ruralnovascotia.ca/documents/policy/understanding%20policy.pdf)

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## **A Framework for Collaboration on Healthy Policy Development**

**Author:** VOICE in Health Policy Project  
**Date:** 2005  
**Source:** VOICE in Health Policy Project  
**Description:** This framework is designed to assist the federal government (in particular Health Canada the Public Health Agency of Canada) and voluntary organizations working in health when entering into policy dialogue. It outlines a strategic thinking process about when, why and how organizations can work together on specific policy development issues.  
**URL:** [www.projectvoice.ca/English/02%20-%20Tools/Framework%20for%20Collaboration.pdf](http://www.projectvoice.ca/English/02%20-%20Tools/Framework%20for%20Collaboration.pdf)

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## **A Guide to Collaborative Processes in Health Policy Development and their Implications for Action**

**Author:** VOICE in Health Policy Project  
**Date:** 2005  
**Source:** VOICE in Health Policy Project  
**Description:** This guide addresses collaborative processes from a wide range of situations and issues in health policy development. Its purpose is to foster awareness, dialogue and action in support of sustainable collaborative relationships.  
**URL:** [www.projectvoice.ca/English/02%20-%20Tools/Process%20Guide.pdf](http://www.projectvoice.ca/English/02%20-%20Tools/Process%20Guide.pdf)

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## **Advocacy 101: Tools for Political Engagement**

**Author:** Bonner Foundation  
**Date:** Unknown  
**Source:** Bonner Foundation  
**Description:** This workshop introduces basic and useful strategies for advocacy. The aim is to enhance individuals' abilities to advocate for an issue to a policy maker or elected official.  
**URL:** [www.bonner.org/resources/modules/modules\\_pdf/BonCurAdv101.pdf](http://www.bonner.org/resources/modules/modules_pdf/BonCurAdv101.pdf)

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## **Advocacy 201: Meeting with an Elected Official**

**Author:** Bonner Foundation  
**Date:** Unknown  
**Source:** Bonner Foundation  
**Description:** This document offers information that is important when meeting with any elected official.  
**URL:** [www.bonner.org/resources/modules/modules\\_pdf/BonCurAdv201ElectRep.pdf](http://www.bonner.org/resources/modules/modules_pdf/BonCurAdv201ElectRep.pdf)

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 **Advocacy - The Sound of Citizens' Voices: A Position Paper From the Advocacy Working Group**

**Author:** Rektor, L.  
**Date:** 2002  
**Source:** Voluntary Sector Secretariat  
**Description:** This paper is designed to generate debate, discussion and responses within the sector, government and general public on advocacy and the work of voluntary sector organizations.  
**URL:** [www.vsi-isbc.org/eng/policy/pdf/position\\_paper.pdf](http://www.vsi-isbc.org/eng/policy/pdf/position_paper.pdf)

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 **Advocacy and Lobbying Resource List**

**Author:** Horizons Community Development Associates  
**Date:** 2007  
**Source:** Horizons Community Development Associates  
**Description:** Prepared for the Canadian Society of Association Executives (Nova Scotia Chapter), this resource offers resources and tools that may be helpful for organizations doing lobbying and advocacy work.  
**URL:** [www.horizonscda.ca/reports/CSAE%20handout.pdf](http://www.horizonscda.ca/reports/CSAE%20handout.pdf)

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 **Advocacy on the Agenda: Preparing Voluntary Boards for Public Policy Participation**

**Author:** Hegel, A.  
**Date:** 2003  
**Source:** Volunteer Canada  
**Description:** Many voluntary boards of directors face challenges regarding how to engage in policy dialogue—and often lack in the skill set to do so successfully. This document was developed to build capacity and support volunteer organizations and their boards of directors in their policy dialogue efforts.  
**URL:** [www.volunteer.ca/volunteer/pdf/boardadvocacymanual.pdf](http://www.volunteer.ca/volunteer/pdf/boardadvocacymanual.pdf)

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**URL:** [www.volunteer.ca/volunteer/pdf/boardadvocacymanual.pdf](http://www.volunteer.ca/volunteer/pdf/boardadvocacymanual.pdf)

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 **Advocacy Toolkit**

**Author:** United Way of Canada  
**Date:** Unknown  
**Source:** United Way of Canada  
**Description:** The purpose of this toolkit is to provide information, guidance and tools for United Way's engaging in advocacy and to present mechanisms for movement-wide collaboration on issues that affect us all. It may also help define a common language and procedures for working with community partners on initiatives related to advocacy and public policy. The information relates primarily to advocacy activities directed at government. However, many of the tactics and approaches described could be used with other sectors.  
**URL:** [www2.unitedway.ca/UWCanada/uploadedFiles/Advocacy\\_2004-04\\_OnlineToolkit.pdf?n=5871](http://www2.unitedway.ca/UWCanada/uploadedFiles/Advocacy_2004-04_OnlineToolkit.pdf?n=5871)

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 **Be H.I.P.P - Have Influence on Public Policy Manual and E-Learning Module**

**Author:** YMCA Canada  
**Date:** Unknown  
**Source:** YMCA Canada  
**Description:** Designed to help YMCA leaders and voluntary sector leaders increase their understanding of the structure, processes, priorities and key players of local, provincial and federal governments these tools provide information on how to develop and influence public policy strategies. The two-hour self-guided e-learning module can be used to increase knowledge and understanding of public policy.  
**URL:** [www.ymca.ca/media/59241/be\\_hipp\\_manual.pdf](http://www.ymca.ca/media/59241/be_hipp_manual.pdf)  
[www.ymca.ca/en/who-we-are/resources/behipp.aspx](http://www.ymca.ca/en/who-we-are/resources/behipp.aspx)

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 **Capacity Building: Linking Community Experience to Public Policy / Développement des moyens d'action : Établir un lien entre l'expérience communautaire et la politique gouvernementale**

**Author:** Dodd, J. and Boyd M.  
**Date:** 2000  
**Source:** Population and Public Health Branch, Atlantic Regional Office, Health Canada  
**Description:** *Capacity Building: Linking Community Experience to Public Policy* is a resource to help people in the public sector and in the community to understand how to link community experience to the policy-making process. It considers how policy has traditionally been made, and the opportunities and challenges facing communities and systems as they strive to work collaboratively to create meaningful and inclusive public-policy processes.  
**URL/** [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/regions/atlantic/pdf/capacity\\_building\\_e.pdf](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/regions/atlantic/pdf/capacity_building_e.pdf)  
**L'URL:** [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/les-regions/atlantique/Publications/Developpement\\_moyens\\_developpement\\_2000\\_f.pdf](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/les-regions/atlantique/Publications/Developpement_moyens_developpement_2000_f.pdf)

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 **CARE – Advocacy Tools and Guidelines**

**Author:** Sprechmann, S. and Pelton, E.  
**Date:** 2001  
**Source:** CARE – Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere  
**Description:** The tools and guidelines found within this document provide a step by step process for planning and implementing successful advocacy initiatives. Although written for persons working with CARE, the principles and examples are transferable to other situations, communities and organizations.  
**URL:** [www.care.org/getinvolved/advocacy/tools.asp](http://www.care.org/getinvolved/advocacy/tools.asp)

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 **Challenges and Barriers to Community Participation in Policy Development**

**Author:** Dukeshire, S. and Thurlow, J.  
**Date:** 2002  
**Source:** Rural Communities Impacting Policy, Atlantic Health Promotion Research Centre & Dalhousie University  
**Description:** Government & policy makers are beginning to recognize the important role communities can play in policy development and efforts are being made to allow them to become more involved in the policy-making process. Despite these efforts, there are still many barriers and challenges that can stand in the way of community involvement. Understanding and anticipating these barriers and challenges is important when a community is getting organized for or involved in policy activity. This paper outlines some of the more common barriers & challenges as perceived by rural communities and government.  
**URL:** [www.ruralnovascotia.ca/documents/policy/challenges%20and%20barriers.pdf](http://www.ruralnovascotia.ca/documents/policy/challenges%20and%20barriers.pdf)

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** Collaboration on Policy / Collaboration sur les politiques**

**Author:** The Caledon Institute of Social Policy  
**Date:** 2009  
**Source:** The Caledon Institute of Social Policy  
**Description:** This manual was developed by the Community-Government collaboration on policy and is a rich resource guide for successful community government partnerships on policy.  
**URL/  
L'URL:** [www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/772ENG.pdf](http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/772ENG.pdf)  
[www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/772FRE.pdf](http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/772FRE.pdf)

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** Developing Health Promoting Policies**

**Author:** The Health Communication Unit  
**Date:** 2004  
**Source:** Centre for Health Promotion, University of Toronto  
**Description:** This manual offers information on identifying the problem, accessing community support, developing goals, identifying influential parties, building support, policy implementation, evaluation, and resources through case studies, information, and worksheets.  
**URL:** [www.thcu.ca/infoandresources/publications/policyworkbook.march04.v1.0.pdf](http://www.thcu.ca/infoandresources/publications/policyworkbook.march04.v1.0.pdf)

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** Discovering the Society We Want – Public Dialogue Kit**

**Author:** Canadian Research Policy Network (CRPN)  
**Date:** 1999  
**Source:** Canadian Research Policy Network (CRPN)  
**Description:** This kit offers information for all members of the team needed to get public dialogue happening. With information for the organizer, moderator, and participants, this is an excellent resource for discussing the issues.  
**URL:** [www.cprn.org/documents/tswweng2.pdf](http://www.cprn.org/documents/tswweng2.pdf)

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** Equality-Based Public Policy Development: Views from the Field**

**Author:** Webb, A.  
**Date:** 2003  
**Source:** Women in Public Policy Initiative  
**Description:** This report is the third publication of the Women in Public Policy Initiative. In 1999 they produced the Nova Scotia based research report *Never Give Up: Women Making Policy Change* and held a national workshop, Sharing Our Strengths. The following year they produced *Steps Toward a Credible and Inclusive Public Policy Process* which was built on the input gathered through the research and workshop. The goal of our current research is to evaluate the *Steps* document and, more generally, to explore how community-based knowledge can become an integral element in public policy development. In the course of this review many recommendations were made regarding how to continue to pursue the objectives of this initiative – to attain a system or means for integration of community-based equality seeking knowledge in public policy development.  
**URL:** [dawn.thot.net/docs/WIPP\\_Report2.pdf](http://dawn.thot.net/docs/WIPP_Report2.pdf)

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## **Good Policy, Good Health – An Information and Action Kit for Women in Costal Communities**

**Author:** Wood Catano, J.  
**Date:** 2004  
**Source:** Nova Scotia Women's FishNet  
**Description:** This is a practical tool produced through community-based participatory research. It contains information that will help you speak to your community and policy makers about issues affecting your life and health. All of the materials in this kit have been designed to be easy to read, easy to use, and easy to photocopy.  
**URL:** [www.hpclearinghouse.ca/downloads/FishNet2004\\_1.pdf](http://www.hpclearinghouse.ca/downloads/FishNet2004_1.pdf)

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## **Government and Communities: Strengthening Neighbourhoods Together / Gouvernement et collectivités: Travailler ensemble pour renforcer les quartiers**

**Author:** Gorman, C.  
**Date:** 2006  
**Source:** Caledon Institute of Social Policy  
**Description:** Policy dialogue is a relatively new technique for building a shared vision and operational frameworks among governments and communities. In the spirit of action research, ANC created a policy dialogue to intentionally explore the neighbourhood strengthening process across the continuum of collaboration: sharing information (easiest level of difficulty), setting common directions, consolidating administrative procedures and solving problems (hardest level of difficulty). Results, lessons learned and insights for future public policy are described.  
**URL/** [www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/593ENG.pdf](http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/593ENG.pdf)  
**L'URL:** [www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/593FRE.pdf](http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/593FRE.pdf)

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## **Health Policy in Canada / La politique canadienne en matière de santé**

**Author:** Miller Chenier, N.  
**Date:** 2002  
**Source:** Government of Canada  
**Description:** This paper addresses forces involved in the process of creating health policy/policies for health. It focuses on the federal government's responsibilities, intricacies of federal-provincial cooperation, how health care is currently financed, what this means in terms of organization, and highlights challenges faced when new policy goals are identified.  
**URL/** [dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection-R/LoPBdP/CIR/934-e.htm](http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection-R/LoPBdP/CIR/934-e.htm)  
**L'URL:** [dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection-R/LoPBdP/CIR/934-f.htm](http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection-R/LoPBdP/CIR/934-f.htm)

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## **Lobbying 101: An Introduction**

**Author:** Bonner Curriculum  
**Date:** Unknown  
**Source:** Bonner Curriculum  
**Description:** This resource explores the role of lobbying as part of a strategic campaign for influencing the political process and explains and teaches basic principles for effective lobbying.  
**URL:** [www.bonner.org/resources/modules/modules\\_pdf/BonCurLobbying101.pdf](http://www.bonner.org/resources/modules/modules_pdf/BonCurLobbying101.pdf)

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 **Nutrition Policy Reports / Rapports sur la politique de la nutrition**

**Author:** Various  
**Date:** Last updated 2005  
**Source:** Health Canada  
**Description:** This website provides links to evidence-based policies and programs that support healthy eating and enhance population health. These programs require relevant and current research and the capacity to measure progress and outcomes. Reports and background papers focused on specific issues, including implementation of dietary guidance and food and nutrition surveillance in Canada provide up-to-date evidence and inform current initiatives.  
**URL/** [www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/nutrition/pol/index-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/nutrition/pol/index-eng.php)  
**L'URL:** [www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/nutrition/pol/index-fra.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/nutrition/pol/index-fra.php)

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 **Public Policy and Public Participation: Engaging Citizens and Community in the Development of Public Policy / Politiques publiques et participation publique : Engagement des citoyens et des collectivités dans l'élaboration des politiques publiques**

**Author:** Smith, B.  
**Date:** 2003  
**Source:** Population and Public Health Branch, Atlantic Regional Office, Health Canada  
**Description:** This practical guide is designed to enhance knowledge, skills and abilities related to public policy development, with specific emphasis on meaningful inclusion of stakeholders and citizens. It will help readers understand the public policy, see the need and desire for citizen and community engagement, and then to design and implement appropriate processes.  
**URL/** [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/regions/atlantic/Publications/Public\\_policy/public\\_2003\\_e.pdf](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/regions/atlantic/Publications/Public_policy/public_2003_e.pdf)  
**L'URL:** [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/les-regions/atlantique/Publications/Politiques\\_publiques/publiques\\_2003\\_f.pdf](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/les-regions/atlantique/Publications/Politiques_publiques/publiques_2003_f.pdf)

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 **Policy Influencing Tool Kit**

**Author:** Physical Activity Resource Centre  
**Date:** Unknown  
**Source:** Ontario Physical and Health Education Association  
**Description:** This policy toolkit is a road map for policy development. It provides valuable information and walks you through the necessary steps to influence policy and change. The purpose of this toolkit is to provide a realistic process and the related practical tools and examples for advocates to use in their pursuit of healthier policies that support physical activity.  
**URL:** [www.ophea.net/parc/policy.cfm](http://www.ophea.net/parc/policy.cfm)

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 **Taking Action Through Public Policy: A Focus on Health and Environment Issues**

**Author:** Community Animation Program (CAP) Atlantic  
**Date:** 2002  
**Source:** Health Canada and Environment Canada  
**Description:** This workbook provides basic information on public policy in the context of health and environment issues.  
**URL:** [www.atl.ec.gc.ca/community/pdf/public\\_policy\\_e.pdf](http://www.atl.ec.gc.ca/community/pdf/public_policy_e.pdf)

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## Understanding the Link Between Research and Policy

**Author:** Dukeshire, S. and Thurlow, J.

**Date:** 2002

**Source:** Rural Communities Impacting Policy, Atlantic Health Promotion Research Centre and Dalhousie University

**Description:** This document outlines and highlights the importance of research in policy-making and provides an overview of the elements of the research process itself. It also provides an excellent overview and explanation of policy.

**URL:** [www.ruralnovascotia.ca/documents/policy/research%20and%20policy.pdf](http://www.ruralnovascotia.ca/documents/policy/research%20and%20policy.pdf)

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## What is Policy?

**Author:** Torjman, S.

**Date:** 2005

**Source:** [Caledon Institute of Social Policy](#)

**Description:** This document reviews the importance of policy, various ways to examine policy, how policy development effects in the decision making process, steps that comprise the policy process, how it effects us everyday, and how to create effective policy.

**URL:** [www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/544ENG.pdf](http://www.caledoninst.org/Publications/PDF/544ENG.pdf)

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## What Works! Putting Community Issues on the Policy Agenda / Ça marche! Porter les questions d'intérêt communautaire au programme politique

**Author:** Lilley, S.

**Date:** 2004

**Source:** [Atlantic Regional Office of the Population and Public Health Branch, Health Canada](#)

**Description:** This resource kit contains 8 stories of community development and tips from community groups working to get their issues on the government agenda. Whether you are interested in building bridges to develop healthy public policy is a community members or government representatives this resource is for you.

**URL/** [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/regions/atlantic/pdf/what\\_works.pdf](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/regions/atlantic/pdf/what_works.pdf)

**L'URL:** [www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/les-regions/atlantique/Publications/Ca\\_marche/ca\\_marche\\_2004.pdf](http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/canada/les-regions/atlantique/Publications/Ca_marche/ca_marche_2004.pdf)

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## Working Together for Health: An Advocacy Toolkit

**Author:** World Health Organization

**Date:** 2006

**Source:** World Health Organization

**Description:** World Health Day is the annual flagship event of the World Health Organization. Since 1950, it has been held each year on 7 April to raise awareness of specific global health issues. The 2006 theme was *Working together for health* and it highlighted the challenging and often inspiring work carried out by health care workers. This World Health Day 2006 toolkit outlines the crucial importance of health workers and identifies the key issues and priorities for action that countries and their partners in all sectors can take. The toolkit will be continuously updated using the feedback of its users.

**URL:** [www.searo.who.int/LinkFiles/World\\_Health\\_Day\\_2006\\_toolkit\\_designed\\_en1306.pdf](http://www.searo.who.int/LinkFiles/World_Health_Day_2006_toolkit_designed_en1306.pdf)

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# Organizational Links

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## **Caledon Institute of Social Policy**

**Contact:** Address: 1390 Prince of Wales Drive, Suite 401 Ottawa, ON K2C 3N6  
Telephone: (613) 729-3340  
Fax: (613) 729-3896  
E-mail: [caledon@caledoninst.org](mailto:caledon@caledoninst.org)  
Website: [www.caledoninst.org/](http://www.caledoninst.org/)

**Description:** Caledon Institute provides high-quality research and analysis, seeks to inform and influence public opinion, and foster public discussion on poverty and social policy. Their work covers a broad range of social policy areas including: income security, community capacity-building, taxation, social spending, employment development services, social services, disability supports and health. Their publications section has a wide variety of topics, including community building initiatives in Nova Scotia.

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## **Canadian Policy Research Networks**

**Contact:** Address: Suite 600, 250 Albert Street, Ottawa, ON K1P 6M1  
Telephone: (613) 567-7500  
Fax: (613) 567-7640  
E-mail: [info@cprn.org](mailto:info@cprn.org)  
Website: [www.cprn.com/](http://www.cprn.com/)

**Description:** Canadian Policy Research Networks is an independent non-profit, charitable policy think tank that provides evidence-based research to create knowledge, lead public dialogue, and debate social and economic issues important to the well-being of all Canadians.

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## **Dalhousie University's College of Continuing Education**

**Contact:** Address: Suite 201, City Centre Atlantic, 1535 Dresden Row, Halifax, NS B3J 3T1  
Reception: (902) 494-2526  
Fax: (902) 494-3662  
Website: [collegeofcontinuinged.dal.ca/index.php](http://collegeofcontinuinged.dal.ca/index.php)

**Description:** Dalhousie University's College of Continuing Education has experience in designing and facilitating multi-party processes that can be effective in harnessing the wisdom of the community in the creation of public policy. Topic areas include: Advocacy; Government-sector relationships; Multi-party negotiations; Policy dialogue; Environmental mediation; Consensus processes and Inter-organizational collaboration and partnerships.

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## **Institute for Research on Public Policy / Institut de recherche en politiques publiques**

**Contact:** Address: 1470 Peel Street, suite 200, Montreal, PQ H3A 1T1  
Reception: (514) 985-2461  
Registration: (514) 985-2559  
Fax: [irpp@irpp.org](mailto:irpp@irpp.org)  
Website/ [www.irpp.org](http://www.irpp.org)  
Site web:

**Description:** The Institute for Research on Public Policy is an independent, national, nonprofit organization that seeks to improve public policy in Canada. They accomplish this by generating research, providing insight and sparking debate that contribute to the public policy decision-making process and strengthen the quality of the public policy decisions made by Canadian governments, citizens, institutions and organizations.

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### Law Reform Commission

**Contact:** Address: 1484 Carlton Street, 2nd Floor, Halifax, NS B3H 3B7  
Telephone: (902) 423-2633  
Fax: (902) 423-0222  
E-mail: [info@lawreform.ns.ca](mailto:info@lawreform.ns.ca)  
Website: [www.lawreform.ns.ca/](http://www.lawreform.ns.ca/)

**Description:** The Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia (created in 1991) is an independent advisor to the Government and this independence enables it to make recommendations for law reform in a non-partisan manner. The Commission reports to the public and elected representatives of Nova Scotia, through the Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Nova Scotia.

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### Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women

**Contact:** Address: P.O. Box 745, Halifax, NS B3J 2T3  
Telephone: (902) 424-8662  
Toll Free: 1-800-565-8662  
Fax: (902) 424-0573  
Website: [women.gov.ns.ca/](http://women.gov.ns.ca/)

**Description:** The Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women works to ensure that issues affecting the lives of Nova Scotia women become part of the government's plan. The Advisory Council's concerns touch all areas of women's lives including: paid and unpaid work; family life; health; education; legal rights; and experiences of discrimination and violence.

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### Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities

**Contact:** Address: 5251 Duke St., Suite 1211, Halifax NS B3J 1P3  
Telephone: (902) 455-6942 (Voice or TDD)  
Toll Free: 1-866-696-7536  
Fax: (902) 454-4781  
Email: [nsleo@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:nsleo@ns.sympatico.ca)  
Website: [www.novascotialeo.org/](http://www.novascotialeo.org/)

**Description:** The Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities' mission is to achieve recognition of the abilities of people with disabilities so that they may function as equals in society.

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### Policy Research Initiative / Recherche sur les politiques

**Contact:** Address: 56 Sparks St, 1st Floor, Ottawa ON K1P 5A9  
Telephone: (613) 947-1956  
Fax: (613) 995-6006  
Email: [questions@prs-srp.gc.ca](mailto:questions@prs-srp.gc.ca)  
Website/  
Site Web: [policyresearch.gc.ca/](http://policyresearch.gc.ca/)

**Description:** The PRI conducts independent policy research projects; harnesses knowledge and expertise on an ongoing basis from within the federal government, as well as from Canadian universities, private sector research institutions, and international organizations; and identifies data needs and priorities for future policy development.

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 **The Fraser Institute**

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# Other Tools and Resources

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## Community Tool Box

**Author:** Community Tool Box

**Date:** Last updated 2007

**Source:** University of Kansas Work Group on Health Promotion and Community Development in Lawrence, Kansas, and AHEC/Community Partners in Amherst, Massachusetts.

**Description:** The *Tool Box* is a user friendly website that contains easy to use 'how-to tools' on how to take on the various tasks needed for community health and development. Of particular interest may be Chapter 3. Assessing Community Needs and Resources, Chapter 16. Group Facilitation and Problem-Solving and Part L. Generating and Managing Resources for the Initiative.

**URL:** [ctb.ku.edu/en/](http://ctb.ku.edu/en/)

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## Consulting with Canadians / Consultations auprès des canadiens

**Author:** Government of Canada

**Date:** 2009

**Source:** Government of Canada

**Description:** This website, created by the Government of Canada, is an innovative and way to consult with and engage with Canadians. It provides single-window access to a list of consultations from selected government departments and agencies. Key features of the *Consulting With Canadians* site include: A list of current consultations under way across participating government departments and agencies, a selection of consultations that are now finished, including links to background information and reports, and the availability to search consultations by title, subject, or participating department or agency.

**URL/** [www.consultingcanadians.gc.ca/cpcPubHome.jsp?lang=en](http://www.consultingcanadians.gc.ca/cpcPubHome.jsp?lang=en)

**L'URL:** [www.consultingcanadians.gc.ca/cpcPubHome.jsp?lang=fr](http://www.consultingcanadians.gc.ca/cpcPubHome.jsp?lang=fr)

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## Fieldstone Alliance – Free Tools

**Author:** Fieldstone Alliance

**Date:** 2009

**Source:** Fieldstone Alliance

**Description:** This site contains a wealth of resources for nonprofits, including tools, newsletters, and articles on such topics as boards and governance, capacity building, grantmaking, marketing, and leadership

**URL:** [www.fieldstonealliance.org/client/tools.cfm](http://www.fieldstonealliance.org/client/tools.cfm)

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## Lobbying and Advocacy for Charities and Not-For-Profits

**Author:** Horizons Community Development Associates, Inc.

**Date:** 2007

**Source:** Horizons Community Development Associates, Inc.

**Description:** This power point presentation offers excellent information on what advocacy is and what advocacy is not, with Atlantic Canadian examples throughout. Highlighting the do's and don'ts, along with the importance of building partnerships and allies.

**URL:** [www.horizonscda.ca/reports/CSAE\\_presentation.ppt](http://www.horizonscda.ca/reports/CSAE_presentation.ppt)

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 **Health Policy Research – Reports and Publications / Recherche sur les politiques en matière de santé - Rapports et publications**

**Author:** Various  
**Date:** Last updated 2007  
**Source:** Health Canada  
**Description:** This website provides links to health policy research working papers.  
**URL/** [www.hc-sc.gc.ca/sr-sr/pubs/hpr-rpms/index\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/sr-sr/pubs/hpr-rpms/index_e.html)  
**L'URL:** [www.hc-sc.gc.ca/sr-sr/pubs/hpr-rpms/index-fra.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/sr-sr/pubs/hpr-rpms/index-fra.php)

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 **Rural Tackle Box**

**Author:** Rural Communities Impacting Policy  
**Date:** Unknown  
**Source:** Rural Communities Impacting Policy  
**Description:** This resource provides practical tools and information to help Nova Scotians influence and develop policy that contributes to the health & sustainability of their communities. Content includes: Identifying the problem; raising awareness; getting organized; learning & leadership; policy; government; using research; toolboxes; finding the people; & funding.  
**URL:** [www.ruralnovascotia.ca/tacklebox/](http://www.ruralnovascotia.ca/tacklebox/)

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 **The Canadian Best Practices Portal for Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention / Le Portail canadien des pratiques exemplaires en matière de promotion de la santé et de la prévention des maladies chroniques**

**Author:** Various  
**Date:** Last updated 2009  
**Source:** Public Health Agency of Canada  
**Description:** This portal allows you to search for best practices tools and resources, as identified by the site. Simply type in search words related to advocacy and policy development and the portal will provide resources related to these key words.  
**URL/** [cbpp-pcpe.phac-aspc.gc.ca/](http://cbpp-pcpe.phac-aspc.gc.ca/)  
**L'URL:** [cbpp-pcpe.phac-aspc.gc.ca/index-fra.html](http://cbpp-pcpe.phac-aspc.gc.ca/index-fra.html)

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 **The Health Communication Unit**

**Author:** Ontario Ministry of Health, Health Promotion Branch  
**Date:** 2008  
**Source:** Ontario Ministry of Health, Health Promotion Branch  
**Description:** This resource centre and website contains newsletters, workbooks, and resource lists on many topics including developing health communication campaigns and policy development.  
**URL:** [thcu.ca/](http://thcu.ca/)

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 **The Policy Hub**

**Author:** Government Social Research Unit  
**Date:** Last update 2008  
**Source:** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
**Description:** This site offers excellent resources on developing, delivering and evaluating policy. Two items of interest are the *International Comparisons in Policy Making Toolkit* and *The Magenta Book: Guidance Notes for Policy Evaluation and Analysis*.  
**URL:** [www.nationalschool.gov.uk/policyhub/](http://www.nationalschool.gov.uk/policyhub/)

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## Up 2 Us

**Author:** Family Literacy Internet Project

**Date:** Unknown

**Source:** Annapolis Valley-Hants Community Action Program for Children

**Description:** Funded by Human Resources and Social Development Canada, Up 2 Us is a website for organizations, parents and youth. The *For Organizations* section has information on strategic planning, planning campaigns and projects, and a database with information on board, community, project and resource development.

**URL:** [www.up2us.ca/index.html](http://www.up2us.ca/index.html)

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## VOICE in Health Policy

**Author:** Voice: voluntary organizations involved in collaborative engagement

**Date:** Last updated 2005

**Source:** Canadian Public Health Association

**Description:** VOICE provides tools and resources to assist organizations and individuals in their ability to influence health policy. The tools are designed to build relationships, identify opportunities, and find practical ways to influence health policy. A key resource.

**URL:** [www.projectvoice.ca/English/Home.html](http://www.projectvoice.ca/English/Home.html)

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## Voluntary Sector Public Policy Toolbox

**Author:** Ginsler & Associates Inc.

**Date:** Last Updated 2007

**Source:** Ginsler & Associates Inc.

**Description:** This toolbox is designed to help voluntary organizations participate in the Canadian public policy development process. It provides an introduction to government, the policy development process, resources on effective policy development, information gathering, advocacy, becoming involved in the process, and more.

**URL:** [ginsler.com/toolbox/](http://ginsler.com/toolbox/)

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# Government Links

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## **Federal**

### **Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada**

Website/Site Web: [www.canada.gc.ca/](http://www.canada.gc.ca/)

### **Parliament of Canada / Parlement du Canada**

Website: [www.parl.gc.ca/common/index.asp?Language=E](http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/index.asp?Language=E)

Site Web: [www.parl.gc.ca/common/index.asp?Language=F](http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/index.asp?Language=F)

### **About Parliament / Au sujet du Parlement**

This site explores [Canada's parliamentary system](#), from the decisions made by the Fathers of Confederation, to the daily work of Members of Parliament in the Commons and Senate chambers. Useful information on Canada's constitution, the judicial system, and provincial and municipal powers is also available.

Website: [www.parl.gc.ca/common/AboutParl\\_Process.asp?Language=E](http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/AboutParl_Process.asp?Language=E)

Site Web: [www.parl.gc.ca/common/AboutParl\\_Process.asp?Language=F](http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/AboutParl_Process.asp?Language=F)

### **Members of the House of Commons / Députés de la Chambre des communes**

A list of current and former MP's

Website: [www.parl.gc.ca/35/archives/lib/members351/alpha/alpha-e.htm](http://www.parl.gc.ca/35/archives/lib/members351/alpha/alpha-e.htm)

Site Web: [www.parl.gc.ca/35/archives/lib/membres351/alpha/alpha-f.htm](http://www.parl.gc.ca/35/archives/lib/membres351/alpha/alpha-f.htm)

### **Canadian Senators / Sénateurs du Canada**

A list of current and former Senators

Website: [www.parl.gc.ca/common/senmemb/senate/isenator.asp](http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/senmemb/senate/isenator.asp)

Site Web: [www.parl.gc.ca/common/senmemb/senate/isenator.asp?sortord=N&Language=F](http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/senmemb/senate/isenator.asp?sortord=N&Language=F)

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## **Provincial**

### **Government of Nova Scotia**

Website: [www.gov.ns.ca/](http://www.gov.ns.ca/)

### **Members of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia**

A list of Nova Scotia's current MLAs.

Website: [www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/](http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/)

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## **Municipal**

### **Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities**

This website lists contact information for all towns and municipal units within Nova Scotia.

Website: [www.unsm.ca/](http://www.unsm.ca/)

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