



PHABC NEWSLETTER

September 2014

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Call for Abstracts
open until
September 19th**

**2014 PHABC
Summer School**

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Conference
Dec 4 & 5, 2014
Registration is
now open**

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“Shared Prosperity for
Health and Well-Being: A
Collaborative Dialogue
between Business and
Public Health”**

PHABC is hosting its annual conference for 2014, with the theme of *Shared Prosperity for Health and Well-Being: A Collaborative Dialogue between Business and Public Health*. The conference has a particular focus on **public health leaders** and the **private or business sector** to partner around the mission of creating the conditions for health and well-being for all. The conference will also include an **“open” abstract submission on any public health topic**.

Details on the objectives, goals and requirements for abstracts are found at: [Call for Abstracts 2014](#)

Submissions accepted until September 19th, 2014.

2014 PHABC Summer School

The 5th annual Public Health Summer School was planned and hosted by the Public Health Association of BC. Leadership from PHABC’s Capacity Building committee and with the support of many volunteers, the summer school presented two very unique sessions. The first session from June 23rd – 24th was dedicated to Mental Health, Wellness and Substance use with a broader and more inclusive title as: **“Supporting and Protecting Health: Promoting Mental Wellness and Addressing Psychoactive Substances”**. The second session was immediately after on June 25th – 26th on Sustainable Healthy Communities with the title: **“Strengthening Healthy and Sustainable Communities through Local Government Planning and Public Health Collaboration”**.

[To view the entire report.](#)

2014 PHABC Conference & AGM – Save the Date!

We are pleased to announce the 2014 PHABC Conference on December 4th & 5th at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Richmond, BC

Please mark your calendars and share the poster with your colleagues and friends.

Registration is now open!

[Conference Poster](#)

[Register now!!!](#)

Homelessness and Health in Canada

This book has been published and is now available in **open access** as part of a new initiative of the University of Ottawa Press. Covering a wide range of topics from youth homelessness to end-of-life care, the individual chapters outline policy and practice recommendations to inform the response to this ongoing public health crisis in Canada and elsewhere.

This book is divided into three distinct but complementary sections.

In the first section contributors explore how homelessness affects the health of particular homeless populations, focusing on the experiences of homeless youth, immigrants, refugees and people of Aboriginal ancestry. In the second section, contributors investigate how housing and public health policy, as well as programmatic responses, can address various health challenges experienced by those who are homeless. In the final section, contributors highlight innovative Canadian interventions that have shown promise in improving the health of those impacted by homelessness.

You can access this book for **free** in PDF format at the following sites:

University of Ottawa Press:
<http://goo.gl/4tMVHv>

Homeless Hub:
<http://goo.gl/oBrGUw>

We thank you for your interest in this book and please feel welcome to freely distribute it. We sincerely hope that the open access option allows this book to reach as many people as possible, particularly those typically unable to access

academic literature due to financial and other barriers.

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Income Inequality in the UK

Watch the shocking new film

Income inequality has become an increasingly important political issue in recent months. Our new 3 minute animation outlines the size of the paygap and compares the situation with other European countries, where similar levels of total income are shared much more evenly, meaning that people at the bottom and in the middle have more.

The film highlights how:

- pay for top bosses nearly doubled over the past decade, while ordinary workers' wages remained the same
- a FTSE 100 CEO earns four times as much in one year as the average worker does in their entire lifetime
- if total incomes in the UK were divided as evenly as in Denmark or the Netherlands, 99 per cent of households would be better off by nearly £3,000 per year

[To watch the film click here](#) - and please ['like' Inequality Briefing on facebook](#), and [follow us on twitter](#)

Saluting examples of achievement

Congratulations to all of Castlegar's Champions for Literacy! They were acknowledged at a recent Champions event on June 24.

Interior Health received CBAL's Partner in Learning Award for their long standing partnership with the Books for Babies program and their active involvement on the Community Literacy Advisory Committee. Congratulations to all of their wonderful public health nurses!

[Castlegar News article](#)

Poverty: Health Hazard for All - Impacts and Solutions with Dr. Gary Bloch

September 23, 7:30-9pm. SFU Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings St.

Free but space is limited so please register at bchealth.eventbrite.ca

MC: Anita Huberman, Chair of Surrey Board of Trade

Dr. Gary Bloch has a simple cure for the health problems ailing low-income British Columbians: increase their income. That's the message that Dr. Bloch, a family physician with St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, and chair of the Ontario College of Family Physicians' Committee on Poverty and Health, will bring to Vancouver on September 23rd.

The impacts of poverty on health directly affect 15% of the population of British Columbia, with the poorest 20% having a 60% greater rate of two or more chronic health conditions, when compared to the richest 20%. However, inequality also negatively affects the health of everyone through the breakdown of social cohesion.

Featured on CBC's The Current and in the Globe and Mail, Dr. Bloch is a strong advocate for addressing the social determinants of health through primary care and political advocacy. Come and hear Dr. Bloch talk about his experiences and ideas for making BC a healthier place for everyone.

This event is the launch of *Poverty-Free BC: Speaker Series on Impacts and Solutions*, and is sponsored by the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition, the Public Health Association of BC, Community Legal Assistance

Society, Raise the Rates, BC Alliance on Mental Health/Illness and Addictions, SFU Centre for Dialogue, REACH Community Health Centre, BC College of Family Physicians, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - BC, Surrey Board of Trade, First Call: Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition and Vancouver Coastal Health.

Please Donate Kids Books for Literacy

Our Group works on health literacy as part of population and public health. As part of our ongoing efforts, we collect and distribute (new or used) books for children and youth. The books are distributed to inner-city schools and remote communities in BC.

We have a Collection Box outside Room 425 in the SPPH Building (2206 East Mall, UBC Campus).

If you have any reasonable quality, unwanted books, they would be greatly appreciated. (Age range - new readers to adolescents)

All donations are welcome. The collection period is open-ended. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Thanks!

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