

Voices of HoPE

Advisory Council of the Poverty Roundtable HPE



The Voices of HoPE Advisory Council is comprised of members who have current or previous lived experience of poverty.

The Advisory Council works to:

- Educate the Public
- Advise Programs & Services
- Advise Decision Makers
- Eliminate Stigma & Stereotypes
- Cultivate Community Inclusion
- Create Change

Through storytelling and sharing experiences.

What We Do



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Presentations and Panels:

- Educational Events
- Decision Makers and Government
- Service Clubs
- Community Organizations

Respond to Consultations:

- National Consultations and Strategies
- Provincial Consultations and Strategies
- Rights Based Approach to Housing
- Income Security
- Build Public Awareness

Advise:

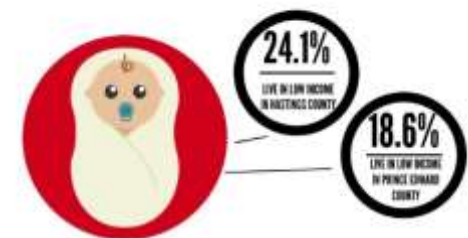
- Advise the Poverty Roundtable HPE
- Advise Service Providers and Community Organizations
- Sit on Boards and Committees
- Deliver Workshops on Community Engagement

Who Should Join

Have current or previous lived experience with poverty including those who have experience with low-wage or precarious work, recipients of OW or ODSP, seniors, families, single parents and all who recognize themselves as having lived experience with low income.

Passionate about creating change in the community and are comfortable sharing parts of their own experience while respecting the privacy and confidentiality of others.

Agree to act in a manner that is non-violent, is free from discrimination (on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, socio-economic status or other), and aligns with the vision and mission statements of the Poverty Roundtable HPE.



The provincial average for children age 0-4 living in low income is 19.8%

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About the PRT



We believe that people live in poverty when denied the income and resources that support individual choices regarding physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs and when these circumstances exclude them from fully participating in their communities.

Our Vision is a community where everyone experiences a standard of living which is sufficient for their physical, social, emotional and spiritual well-being without compromise of dignity or self-respect.

Our Mission is to eliminate the causes of poverty in HPE by building the capacity of our community to work together to plan for and implement long term solutions that result in fair and equitable opportunities for all.

Get Involved

Book the Voices of HoPE

Contact us to book a presentation or workshop. The PRT values the expertise of people with lived experience, and therefore honorariums are expected and appreciated for speaking engagements and workshops.

Join the Voices of HoPE

Contact us to learn more and explore the opportunity to join the Voices of HoPE Advisory Council.

The Poverty Roundtable HPE is focused on community education, community empowerment, information exchange and creating partnerships, and policy advocacy.

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Our Community



“Poverty is struggle. If you haven’t been poor you can’t know what it is like. We are not lazy, nor entitled. We need job security. We do not want to be in poverty. There is a gap in equality—increasingly people are either rich or poor—that is it. Our community is sick.” – *Community Conversation Participant, Leaning In Report*

“We need to find those people who don’t understand **and meet them where they are at.** People in agencies and jobs who work with us, but don’t understand us—they need to know. We need to have a roundtable.” – *Conversation Participant, Leaning In Report*