

HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK 2014

Homelessness Action Week
October 12-18, 2014

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Opening Doors, Opening Hearts
Homelessness - together we can solve it.

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Key Actions to End Street Homelessness :

Update September 30, 2014

- March 2014 Homeless Count:
 - 536 street homeless
- March - August 2014:
 - ~200 homeless individuals housed through openings at City/BCH supportive housing sites
 - Burrard St, Biltmore Hotel, Ramada E Hastings, Kingsway Continental
 - 249 homeless individuals will be housed over next few months in 3 other COV/BCH supportive housing projects: Fraser Broadway, 111 Princess, Taylor Manor

Interim Housing to Close the Gap - 2014: Street Homelessness

- September 22 2014:
 - 70 shelter beds opened with focus on homeless at Oppenheimer Park (50 have registered with outreach workers for housing; others on site may be homeless but have not registered for housing)
- November 2014:
 - Opening of interim supportive housing at Quality Inn:
 - 157 units
 - 2 year lease
- March/April 2014:
 - Opening of 220 Princess Street - 117 units

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- Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness
- 9th Annual HAW
- World Homeless Day: October 10, 2014



Homelessness Action Week Goals

- Support people who are homeless to connect with housing, income and health services
- Raise awareness of issues of homelessness among the general public
- Build capacity of neighbourhoods to address homelessness through creating community partnerships
- Build healthy, safe and inclusive communities



HAW 2014: City-Sponsored Events and HAW Grants



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HAW 2014 Proclamation

- Friday, Oct 10 (World Homeless Day)
- 11:30-12:30, City Hall
- The Extreme Weather Response (EWR) shelters of Vancouver accepting the proclamation
- EWR shelters temporarily increase emergency shelter capacity during extreme weather conditions that threaten the safety and health of homeless people
- Community members, volunteers, congregations from faith groups, staff and advocates work together to provide safe refuge and hospitality



Homeless Connect Events

- 5 connect events hosted by COV:
 - Gathering Place, Evelyne Saller, Carnegie Library, Homeground, Kitsilano Community Centre
- 6 connect events hosted by HAW Grant Recipients:
 - Marpole Connect (MOACS), Take a Bite out of Winter (St. Faith's), Community Open House (Aboriginal Mother Centre), Kensington-Cedar Cottage Connect (PLEA), Connecting the Ends (St. Paul's), Under One Umbrella (Watari)

- Housing and Health Services
- Bike Repair
- Income Assistance
- Street Nurses
- Foot Care & Haircuts
- Nutritious Food
- Pet Care
- Entertainment
- Door prizes and more!



Other HAW Events

Over 20 HAW events, including:

- *Stories from the Street*: Public reading by Megaphone vendors, hosted by award-winning local author Michael Christie, Oct 14, Cottage Bistro, 4468 Main St, 7pm
- *Crossing Boundaries*: The 7TH Annual Oppenheimer Community Art Show at Gallery Gachet, until Oct 26
- *Much Ado about Something*: Raising awareness about homelessness through community theatre, Oct 16, Waterfront Theatre, 7pm (tickets: raincityhousing.org)

And much more!

Join in and learn more



For more info on HAW:

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