

A Forum on **Loneliness & Social Isolation** From a Non-Profit Organization Perspective

“Loneliness & social isolation are growing issues with serious consequences for people and society. Addressing loneliness & social isolation is a shared responsibility that needs to be addressed together by the private, non-profit, academic & government sectors.” (Fed. Government Report on Social

We are **inviting you to this forum**, together with a diverse group of faith and community non-profit organizations within our community, to **learn, strategize and network together** for the benefit of the lonely and socially isolated individuals in our community.



Please RSVP by
October 14th 2018



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Date: Saturday, Oct. 27th, 2018
Time: 9:30am – 4:30pm
Location: Knox United Church,
5600 Balaclava Street, Vancouver

For more information or to RSVP,
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The City of Vancouver Seniors' Advisory Committee have recently published a Social Isolation and Loneliness Report, to the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Coastal Health, investigating the causes and consequences of chronic isolation and loneliness among older adults, and developed recommendations to help the City of Vancouver and other stake holders “reduce and, ideally, prevent these problems.”

Building on the City's initiative, Knox United Church is hosting a Forum on Loneliness and Social Isolation in our community from a non-profit perspective.

The morning discussion will feature Eddy Elmer, Secretary of the Vancouver Seniors' Advisory Committee (www.eddyelmer.com) who will share some of the latest research and findings on loneliness in Vancouver. The afternoon will focus on identifying how loneliness and social isolation manifest themselves in our local community and how we can come together as a network to

The purpose of this event is to:

- Have a common **understanding** of social isolation and loneliness among all age groups, especially seniors, and its' impact in their community.
- Learn and **strategize** the risk factors and protective factors for social isolation and loneliness in their community.
- Begin to identify opportunities for working together to form strategic **networks** with others, to apply local knowledge to aid in the creation of draft action plans to address social isolation and loneliness in their community in the future.



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