



INVITED LECTURE by Dr. Kaitlin Schwan



Preventing Youth Homelessness in Canada: What Will it Take?

Dr. Kaitlin Schwan is a Senior Researcher at the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, a research centre and think tank located at York University. She received her PhD in Social Work from the University of Toronto, and recently completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Education at York University.

Dr. Schwan's program of research focuses on youth homelessness prevention in Canada and beyond, aiming to conduct and mobilize research that will drive proactive policy and practice responses. Supported through SSHRC funding, Dr. Schwan has led and co-led multiple qualitative and mixed-methods national studies on youth homelessness. She recently published a conceptual framework on youth homelessness prevention, and is currently PI on a pan-Canadian study of homelessness prevention for women-identified peoples. Dr. Schwan works within an international research network focused on youth homelessness, and was recently commissioned to support the Welsh government's investment in youth homelessness prevention. At the heart of her work is a commitment to knowledge co-creation and mobilization in partnership with community and lived-experience experts.

Dr. Schwan's talk will focus on **Preventing Youth Homelessness in Canada: What Will it Take?** Following an overview of her program of research, she will discuss the findings of her 2018 pan-Canadian study on youth homelessness prevention. This qualitative study engaged youth experiencing homelessness in focus groups across 12 Canadian communities, inviting youth to reflect on what would have prevented their homelessness. Dr. Schwan will discuss key themes that emerged in youth's discussions, outline the conceptual framework that emerged from this research, and conclude with a discussion of how this body of work orients her future scholarship and provides a map for future policy, practice, and research in the area of youth homelessness prevention.

Date:

Wed, Mar 13, 2019
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