

NOTES FROM ICCER

Our ICCER Steering Committee met on March 1st for a full-day discussion and planning for the next couple of years. Our focus will continue to be on enhancing continuing care and supporting person/family-centred care. ICCER will be emphasizing resident and family engagement, sharing of innovations in policy and practice between member organizations, and increasing our knowledge mobilization activities.

We are excited to announce that we will be offering a third Networking Event in both Edmonton and Calgary this year! The annual schedule will be April, June, and October. Our Collaborative Practice Discussions for ICCER member organizations are also held during these months.

Our next Networking Events and Collaborative Practice Discussions are coming up fast! See below for more information on our speakers and how to register!

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Individual Memberships purchased for 2017/18 will expire on April 1st! Individuals not associated with an ICCER member organization can join the ICCER network for \$150/year. If you are employed by one of ICCER's member organizations, you are already considered a member and are eligible for all member benefits!

Individual memberships will run April 1st to March 31st of each year. Please note that refunds will not be provided under any circumstance. All payments will be through our [automated payment system](#).

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ICCER Networking Events

Living Spaces: Policy Supports & Barriers in Alberta

ICCER is hosting Networking Events in both Edmonton and Calgary in April! Our speakers will be Megan Strickfaden (Professor, Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta) and Jacquie Eales (Research Manager, RAPP, Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta).

Living Spaces: Policy Supports & Barriers in Alberta will examine the policy supports and barriers that drive the design and operation of continuing care spaces within Alberta. This presentation is a result of research accomplished towards better understanding the relationship between people's lived experiences and policies that drive the design of living spaces. Discussion will include how the lived experiences of residents is disconnected from policy instruments, illuminating the policy barriers and the interpretations of policy instruments linked to design outcomes. An opportunity to network over coffee and snacks included!

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Megan Strickfaden is a Professor of Design Studies and Material Culture in the Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta. She has built her career around solving complicated problems for people who live without sight, people who move around speedily on wheels, and/or people who are considered to process the world differently from others, including aging populations. Megan's most prominent projects are with the dementia village 'de Hogeweyk' in the Netherlands, the Brussels Metro System STIB/MIVB in Belgium, Alain Mikli International in France, and Alberta Ability Lodges Society in Canada.



Jackie Eales is a Research Manager with Research on Aging, Policies and Practice (RAPP) in the Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta. For over two decades she has focused on bridging research, policy and practice to make a meaningful difference in the lives of older adults and their families. She has worked collaboratively with government and community partners to ensure research projects are relevant to their needs and findings are translated in effective and creative ways.

Click on the event details below to register!

- **Wednesday, April 4, 2018 @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Edmonton Clinic Health Academy**
- **Monday, April 16, 2018 @ 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM at Bow Valley College, Calgary**

Note: ICCER Networking Events are FREE for faculty, staff, and students of ICCER member organizations and for individual ICCER members. The cost is \$50/person for non-members to attend.

SIGN-UP FOR FUTURE EVENT INVITATIONS!

If you would like to receive future email invitations to ICCER events, **click on the link** to be added to our distribution list!

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COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE DISCUSSIONS

ICCER is holding Collaborative Practice Discussions for member organizations in **Calgary on April 17th** and in **Edmonton on April 19th**. The theme for the April discussions is *Creative and Collaborative Approaches to Learning*. All continuing care organizations need to provide regular training/education to their staff, whether it is mandated or needs-driven. The training must also be appropriate for different levels of staff. ICCER wants to begin exploring opportunities and gaps faced by member organizations as they align health care provider competencies and capacity with education and resource investments.

These Collaborative Practice Discussions will focus on the Dementia Strategy & Action Plan and how ICCER member organizations are focusing on addressing the changes needed to ensure high-quality dementia care and services. A representative from Alberta Health will provide a brief overview of the Strategy & Action Plan and highlight the 3 "Enablers". We will then discuss how members are addressing the training necessary to support the Action Plan through small and large group discussion. *To register, contact Emily Dymchuk (emily@iccer.ca or 780-248-5634).*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- AAG Networking Event: *A Close-Up Discussion on the Future of Dementia Care* with Dr. David Sheard being held on **April 10, 2018 @ 5:00—8:30 PM** at the **University of Alberta Faculty Club**. [Click here to register!](#)
- Early Onset Dementia Foundation's Building Dementia Awareness Conference is being held on **October 4-6, 2018** at the **Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, West Edmonton**. Speakers include Teepa Snow and David Sheard. [Click here to check out their Facebook page!](#)

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

Music Care CoP

To help ICCER members become more aware of the music care options and resources available to them, we created a Community of Practice (CoP). **All ICCER members are welcome to participate in the CoP!** Staff who are interested and willing to participate, please contact Emily Dymchuk (emily@iccer.ca).

The next Music Care CoP meeting will be held via teleconference in June.

INTERESTING RESOURCES

April is Parkinson Awareness Month:

- [Parkinson Association of Alberta](#)
- [Parkinson Canada](#)

National Volunteer Week is April 15-21, 2018. Celebrate your organization's volunteers! Remember how important they are.

- [Volunteer Canada](#)
- [Volunteer Alberta](#)
- The Network of Excellence in Seniors' Health & Wellness has put out a [toolkit for establishing and managing Resident & Family Councils](#)
- Kagwa SA, Boström A-M, Ickert C, Slaughter SE. Optimising mobility through the sit-to-stand activity for older people living in residential care facilities: A qualitative interview study of healthcare aide experiences. *Int J Older People Nurs.* 2018;13:e12169. <https://doi.org/10.1111/opn.12169>

Each month we will highlight new research, policies, reports, etc. that are applicable to continuing care. If you come across materials you would like to share, please send them to Emily (emily@iccer.ca).

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