

2019 ATLANTIC SUMMIT

Working together to achieve *Co-op Housing for All!*

Panel: Learning in Action

Moderator:

Mackenzie Keir is a Business student at UNBSJ graduating in May. She is also Vice President Social on the UNB-SRC, where she represents 1800 UNBSJ students and plans all the social events for the year. Mackenzie is always looking for new ways to enhance student experience on campus. She recently received a grant to start a new project - a campus food bank for students run out of the SRC. Mackenzie sits on various committees and worked on rewriting and updating some of the university's policies. Mackenzie has also been very active on campus student government and varsity sports. Outside of school she has worked for Housing Alternatives Inc. for the past four years and last year had the opportunity to attend the CHF Canada Vision Summit as an Emerging Leader.



Panelists:



Kit Hickey is the Executive Director of Housing Alternatives Inc. and Rehabitat Inc. Housing Alternatives has been providing development and property management services to housing co-operatives and nonprofit housing organizations in the Saint John, NB area since 1981. Rehabitat, incorporated in 1985, owns 103 units of nonprofit housing for seniors, families and non-elderly singles in the Saint John and surrounding area. Kit has been with these organizations from the beginning, and also serves as President of the New Brunswick Non Profit Housing Association and as a board member of several other nonprofit organizations in Saint John. Kit received the CMHC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Co-operative Housing in 2004.

Panelists:

Lori Edgar joined Affirmative Ventures in the fall of 1993 and hasn't spent a moment looking back. True to her motto "Helping people work makes a difference," she has provided employment training through two social enterprises, as well as safe and affordable housing with Affirmative House and Affirmative Homes. It is through the blending of housing and employment and her belief that a home, a job and a friend can change lives that people and communities can flourish.



Gerard Giovannetti is the Director of Retail Sales and Business Development for Atlantic Central and League Savings and Mortgage (LSM). Gerard works with the Atlantic Canada Credit Union system to assist in providing mortgage financing and deposit placement for credit union members. Through the years Gerard has worked in LSM's Sydney operation, has managed LSM's Moncton operation for 14 years, and currently works in Halifax. Gerard has also worked with the Canadian Credit Union Association assisting projects having national impact on regional credit unions.

Beth Mclsaac is the Community Impact Facilitator at United Way Halifax where she focuses on housing, homelessness, and related social issues like poverty and marginalization. Beth has previously worked and volunteered in the field of non-profit housing with Welcome Housing & Support Services (formerly Metro Non-Profit Housing Association). Beth holds a Doctor of Ministry degree and has taught pastoral ministry, often with a focus on community-based social service. She has taught at the Atlantic School of Theology, the Religious Studies Program at Saint Mary's University, and at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax. Beth is passionate about the importance of having an affordable home from which all other activities of life can be sustained.



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