

## THE FEDERATION'S 2018 SOCIAL POLICY FORUM YOUR PLACE IN THE BIGGER PICTURE

The majority of social services in BC are delivered by various community social service organizations. Our sector is made up of smart people who care deeply about the well-being of their fellow community members. But the capacity of the sector to respond and adapt to the changing needs of our province is informed by four key factors.

- » Our ability to attract and retain skilled and caring workers.
- » Our capacity to provide the necessary training and supervision to our workforce.
- » The coordination and cooperation between our sector and government.
- » The extent to which we operate as culturally safe and inclusive employers.

The Federation is working to address these issues, and our Social Policy Forum in February 2018 is a significant opportunity for us to bring together stakeholders. However, the work is much bigger than one event.

The planning for this event involves the first steps of what will become a 5-year framework for creating and building a stronger and more sustainable community social services sector in British Columbia.

We're glad you're involved and we look forward to working together to ensure that all British Columbians have access to the services they need when they need them.







**SETTING PRIORITIES:** Social Policy Forum participants will select a working group dedicated to one of the four key issues we have identified and will choose 2-3 specific aspects of that issue to focus on during the forum.



**GATHERING INFO:** The group members will meet via webinar and decide what information they will need in order to be informed about their issue and well-prepared for the forum's planning and design day.

**JAN 2018** 





**PREPARING:** The Federation staff team and the Social Policy Forum facilitation team will collect and share the information requested and will help to guide the preparation process throughout the month of January.





FORUM DAY 1 - LEARNING & INSPIRATION: A day of thought-provoking learning sessions in Victoria, BC will offer ideas to take back to your own organizations while inspiring and preparing participants for day two.



**FEB 2018** 



FORUM DAY 2 - PLANNING & DESIGN: Stakeholders and colleagues meet in their groups for a day of guided work creating scenarios and designing plans to address challenges and create a vision for the future.





**REPORTING OUT:** We will capture proceedings and create an Action Report that will serve as a resource for future activity addressing these issues while enabling The Federation board to determine key areas of focus.



**MAR 2018** 



**GETTING TO WORK:** The Federation will use the report and proceedings to convene members, develop work plans, identify goals, and report progress updates to participants, partners, and stakeholders.





**ONGOING COMMUNICATION:** The final Action Report, ongoing work, and progress will be tracked and reported through Federation communication channels and will be used to help guide future Federation events.

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