



New Westminster 2022 CAN Leadership Training Program

Description

The Community Action Network (CAN) aims to increase civic engagement for those most disadvantaged or excluded in New Westminster. CAN provides leadership development for people in poverty through a facilitated and structured training series providing transferable skills to participants and promoting resiliency and empowered involvement in anti-poverty advocacy, focusing specifically on skills and training for those who will engage as public spokespeople. Connecting personal experiences to structural issues through targeted training, participants will come out of the initiative with confidence, skills and ongoing support to provide media commentary, give public presentations, engage in consultation processes with government and other decision makers, and meet other opportunities. The process will be focused on community benefit through positively impacting participants and providing strength to the poverty reduction movement.

The CAN learning continuum is framed around charity to justice, a human rights approach to ending poverty, and the need for upstream change versus the need for an entrenched 'downstream' charitable response.

Workshop Summary (april-may 2022 - dates TBC)

Workshop 1	Friday: 10:00-2:00pm	Listening Session, Frameworks & Root Causes
Workshop 2	Friday: 10:00-2:00pm	PRC Training + Linking Experience
Workshop 3	Friday: 10:00-2:00pm	Voices for Change: Public Speaking Part 1
Workshop 4	Friday: 10:00-2:00pm	Voices for Change: Public Speaking Part 2
Workshop 5	Friday: 10:00-2:00pm	What's next? Organizing for Social Change
Workshop 6	Friday: 10:00-2:00pm	Media Training: Storytelling to Build Solidarity
Event 7	Friday: 10:00-2:00pm	Community Organization & Graduation Lunch Celebration

Program Features

- Focus on **public speaking** and **media spokesperson** skills for activists.
- Info on the root causes of poverty plus...
- Overview and intro to provincial anti-poverty advocacy of the B.C. Poverty Reduction Coalition.
- Opportunity to explore possibilities to impact change with your story.
- Participation focused program; many opportunities to share, listen and bring your ideas, thoughts and experiences to the program + discuss a wide array of issues impacting your and your community.
- Focus on public speaking and organizing skills for advocates and people who want to impact change for their communities, on the issues that matter to them.
- Info on the root causes of poverty plus, human rights frameworks, laws that create policy, how to change 'stigma' around poverty.

What are the entrance requirements?

- Ability to commit to the entire program is important.
- Applications are open to those who have experienced poverty.
- 12 spaces available: spots filled at the discretion of PRC staff.
- No previous education or training required.
- CAN will be offered in English. ASL interpreters can be available.
- [Sign up today to get more information here](https://www.bcpovertyreduction.ca/can) or go to <https://www.bcpovertyreduction.ca/can> for further information.

Further Details About CAN

- All workshops will be located at City Hall in New Westminster
 - **511 Royal Ave, New Westminster, BC V3L 1H9**
- Small group learning in a comfortable, accessible space.

Meals, Childcare and Transportation

- Hot meals will be served at all workshops, plus coffee and tea. Workshops include breakfast snacks as well as lunch.
- Childcare subsidy for at-home childcare is available *for all workshops*.
- Transportation costs are covered *for all workshops* if need be.

Information Session

We are hosting an in-person information session for interested participants on **Wednesday, February 23rd 2022 at 6:30pm**, at the **Holy Trinity Cathedral** in New Westminster (514 Carnarvon St). The session will be 45 minutes to both go over the program, and leave time for your questions!