



The drum signed by leaders at our April 15, 2016 gathering

Does the ACEH accept donations?

Yes, the ACEH accepts donations. Please contact us for more information

Where can I get updates on ACEH events and activities?

For more information please visit our website at www.aboriginalhomelessness.ca. We also have a community Facebook page which can be found at Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness.

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We invite you to review the ACEH Strategic Plan and Protocol Agreement on our website.

WHO WE ARE

ABOUT US

The Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) works collaboratively with the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness to create a culturally-specific approach to Aboriginal (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis) homelessness on the traditional Coast Salish, Nuw-chah-nulth and Kwakwaka'wakw territories.

Evan James designed our logo; a representation of our work, symbolized by the Coast Salish Long House. The four posts of the Long House are the foundation and the strategies that guide us:

- Housing & Shelter
- Governance, Policy & Resources
- Community-Building
- Support Services

ACEH is an island-wide coalition that creates a space for the voices of Aboriginal community members who are experiencing homelessness. We are committed to ending Aboriginal Homelessness on our traditional territories.



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Frequently Asked Questions



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How was the ACEH created?

The ACEH was initiated in May 2014 in partnership with the [Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness](#) as a means of bringing an Aboriginal voice to homelessness in Greater Victoria. Since its inception, the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness has been tasked with bringing an Aboriginal voice to address housing and homelessness. This is important because more than 30% of those experiencing homelessness in the region come from an Indigenous background.

A Planning Group was established, comprised of Aboriginal organizations & service providers, representatives from Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth and Kwakwaka'wakw Nations, as well as community leaders. Participants in these meetings came to the conclusion that the most appropriate course of action is the creation of a separate ACEH that will work collaboratively with the existing Coalition. Fran Hunt-Jinnouchi was contracted as the Coordinator of Aboriginal Housing & Homelessness, and the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) was created.



What is the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH)?

The ACEH is a registered society; which recently applied to become a registered charitable organization. The ACEH engages Indigenous voices to frame the questions and solutions to Aboriginal homelessness. The purpose of the organization is to bring Aboriginal persons experiencing homelessness into the process while engaging leaders, stakeholders and service providers in dialogue, research and partnership to better meet the needs of the community. In partnership and collaboration with existing service providers we can assist in addressing the frontline challenges to homelessness while providing guidance with regards to regional, provincial and national policy that can address the systemic root causes.

Our way is to care for all of our people, from the youngest to the oldest. We are all one. Some of our people living away from home are suffering, isolated, and experiencing homelessness. We stand together to end homelessness.

Does the ACEH provide services?

The ACEH is not a service provider per se. We conduct participatory research to frame the challenges and solutions to Aboriginal homelessness, facilitate community building events, and advocate on behalf of community members. The majority of ACEH's work is focused in the Greater Victoria Region. However, our ultimate goal is to end Aboriginal homelessness island-wide and to connect individuals with their traditional communities.



Aboriginal Street Community members enjoying a community building event.

Who is involved in the ACEH?

The ACEH is made up of stakeholders, institutions, organizations and service providers that represent or impact Aboriginal homeless across Vancouver Island. The ACEH governing board of directors is comprised of representatives from the Coast Salish Nations, the Nuu-chah-nulth, the Kwakiutl District Council, Metis Nation of BC, Friendship Centres and the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness. The ACEH staff team includes an Executive Director, a part-time project coordinator / administrative assistant, and an outreach worker.

The Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness respectfully acknowledges the Coast and Straits Salish and in particular Lekwungen (Songhees) and Wyomilth (Esquimalt) traditional territory on which we do our work. As such, we welcome representation from all fourteen Nations on Coast Salish territory.