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## Let's Talk About Homelessness with KFPL, United Way

Homelessness is a stubborn, tragic issue that can only be addressed through education, dialogue and collaboration. Join the United Way of Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington and Kingston Frontenac Public Library for *Let's Talk About Homelessness*, a two-day series of panel discussions centred on reducing stigma toward homeless populations.

The first panel on Tuesday, Mar. 29 focuses on youth homelessness. Speakers include River Hill, a lived experience consultant on the United Way Youth Homelessness Steering Committee, Krystal O'Farrell of One Roof Youth Hub, Victoria Adams of the Youth Diversion Program, and Catherine Oxford of the Kingston Youth Shelter.

The second panel on Wednesday, Mar. 30 features Jay Nowak of the Street Outreach Program, Amanda Brierley of In From the Cold Emergency Adult Shelter and Ashley O'Brien and Amanda Rogers of the Integrated Care Hub. These local representatives will discuss the landscape of homelessness in our region and how to reduce negative attitudes towards those that suffer through these experiences.

"There's a growing interest in addressing the needs of those without a home, and how the wider community can work towards providing these people with a dignified life," said Jake Miller, Librarian, Adult Programming. "Learning from these community panelists will highlight the need to reform how we approach the topic."

*Let's Talk About Homelessness: Youth Panel* will take place on Mar. 29 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Register at <https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/6317349>. *Let's Talk About Homelessness: Adult Panel* is happening Mar. 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Register at <https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/6250549>

Interested in learning more about this topic? Check out *Her Name Was Margaret - A Failing System and Homelessness* on Mar. 31 at 7 p.m. Register at <https://calendar.kfpl.ca/event/6113512>.

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