

St. Leonard's Society of Canada's

Be the Light: Sharing Positivity in Dark Times

Events & AGM 2021 Detailed Schedule

Wednesday, June 2	
11:00am- 12:30pm	<p>Understanding Community-based Residential Facilities Within a Shifting COVID-19 Landscape: Discussion of Preliminary Research Findings & Recommendations</p> <p>In Sept. 2020, SLSC began conducting a research project funded by Public Safety Canada entitled "Infrastructure, Intersections, and Innovation: Understanding Community-based Residential Facilities Within a Shifting COVID-19 Landscape". The presentation will explore the project objectives and main activities including assessing the local needs and priorities of SLSC-affiliated Community-based Residential Facilities; identifying, implementing, and evaluating innovative mechanism to enhance overall service delivery; and, engaging in knowledge development and exchange opportunities with key informants. The preliminary findings and recommendations will be explored and participants will be engaged in a discussion regarding presentation themes and next steps.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Danielle Kouri joined the SLSC team in 2017. As Research & Policy Assistant, she supported research projects in areas such as peer mentorship among people with life sentences and housing stability for youth in conflict with the law, in addition to data analysis, policy development, event coordination, and day-to-day office operations. As of Sept. 2020, she became SLSC's Coordinator and Research Lead on the "Infrastructure, Intersections, and Innovation" project. Danielle holds an Honours Bachelor of Social Science in Criminology.</i></p>
12:30pm- 1:30pm	<p>BREAK</p>
1:30pm- 3:30pm	<p>COVID Stress & Trauma: Where Are We Now?</p> <p>This workshop will explore how to honour and understand the wide variety of factors and effects of 'COVID Stress and Trauma' within the unique St. Leonard's experience. Using moderated room discussion and information delivery, the workshop aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name and understand the wide variety of stresses and stress reactions at play in the present situation; • honour and validate the emotional responses and reactions to the current work climate; and, • gather some prevention, mitigating/coping and healing strategies. <p><i>Presenters: Tom Regehr is the Founder and Owner of CAST Canada. He is an Associate Professor at McMaster University and the Executive Director of CAST Canada's new non-profit organization, The CAST Projects. CAST has been hosting workshops and conferences since 2003 with the goal of educating helping professionals to help reduce the suffering of the folks they support. With his expertise in trauma, loss, grief and connectedness, he is a sought after speaker and consultant running analytic and motivational processes for agencies, networks and government ministries.</i></p> <p><i>Becca Partington holds a Bachelors of Arts. She has been working with CAST Canada since 2011. She brings with her a vibrant understanding of the new complexities of frontline work after working supporting people with acquired brain injury who had also experienced addictions, homelessness, mental health and other issues. Becca was the Director of Operations for their non-profit organization The CAST Projects, towards creating trauma informed communities, cultures and organizations where she designed and facilitated youth programming, and was a leader for the Powerful Tools for Caregivers program. At present, Becca is faculty in the Social Service Worker program at Durham College and is a Crisis Responder for Kid's Help Phone.</i></p>

Thursday, June 3

11:00am-12:30pm	<p>Passeport: Background Notes on an Intervention Model Aimed at Aging People in Conflict with the Law</p> <p>The presentation will explore Passeport, a geronto-crimonological intervention model and its conceptual framework. Passeport aims to help aging people in conflict with the law to make informed decisions about the best strategies to age successfully and empower them to select the best possible ways and resources at this person's disposals to then optimize his or her choices.</p> <p>Presenters: <i>Michel Gagnon and Michel Dunn are the co-authors of Passeport. Michel Gagnon obtained a Master's Degree in Social Work from Laval University and a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières. He has designed and implemented various support services, including residential services, for elderly men in conflict with the law (Service Oygène in Québec); he designed and implemented various In-Reach and Out-Reach services to men and women serving life sentences in Canada; he also designed and saw to the implementation of the Waseya Treatment Program for Sex offenders and Violent Offenders at the Waseskun Healing Centre (Québec). Michel has been the Executive Director of Maison Cross Roads for over 25 years.</i></p> <p><i>Michel Dunn hold a Bachelor's Degree in Law from Laval University. For many years he served as the Coordinator of LifeLine Québec (Service Option Vie). He contributed to the promotion of LifeLine services and the training of In-Reach and Out-Reach Workers throughout Canada. Michel was also the co-author of various training manuals for In-Reach and Out-Reach Workers and supported countless people with life sentences navigate their sentence and successfully integrate into the community.</i></p>
12:30pm-1:30pm	BREAK
1:30pm-3:30pm	<p>Using Restorative Justice Principles & Practices in Daily Life</p> <p>Restorative justice is a relational, transformative approach to the prevention of and response to harm and conflict. Participants will explore the principles and practice of restorative justice and how they can be implemented in work, home, and community settings.</p> <p>Presenter: <i>Dr. Alana Abramson began her work in human services with the Crisis Centre of BC and went on to be involved in the field of restorative justice as a researcher, practitioner, and trainer since 1999. She has extensive experience facilitating difficult conversations around various topics including suicide, justice, violence, and trauma in community, prison, and school contexts. In 2017, Alana was the recipient of the Restorative Justice Award from the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Alana is currently a full-time Criminology Instructor at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Coordinator and Facilitator for the Alternatives to Violence Project, Facilitator for BC Bereavement Society, Board Member for the BC Association of Restorative Justice, and trainer with Achieve/Crisis & Trauma Resource Institute.</i></p>
8:00pm-8:45pm	<p>Michel Gagnon Retirement Celebration</p> <p>This year, Michel Gagnon will be retiring as Executive Director of Maison Cross Roads after more than 25 years in the position. Join us in celebrating his career and contributions to Maison Cross Roads, the SLSC network, and the corrections sector at large. Attendees will be invited to share remarks about Michel. If you would like to speak at the event or if you have something you would like to share in writing, please contact the SLSC team (info@stleonards.ca) by Fri. May 28, 2021.</p>
8:45pm-9:00pm	BREAK
9:00pm-10:00pm	<p>SLSC Social Event: Trivia!</p> <p>It's game night! Since we are unable to meet in person, we are excited to offer a virtual alternative to allow us to still enjoy social time together. We hope you can join us for a fun night of trivia. Show off your knowledge and see if you can rise to the top of the SLSC leader board.</p>

Friday, June 4

11:00am-12:30pm	SLSC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2021 <i>See AGM Agenda in Dropbox.</i>
12:30pm-1:30pm	BREAK
1:30pm-3:00pm	SLSC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2021: Planning & Priorities Session <i>See AGM Agenda in Dropbox.</i>
3:00pm-3:15pm	BREAK
3:15pm-3:45pm	SLSC Incoming Board of Directors Meeting <i>For SLSC Board of Directors only. Meeting agenda will be emailed directly to Board members.</i>
3:45pm-4:00pm	BREAK
4:00pm-5:00pm	SLSC Awards Presentation After being delayed by the onset of the pandemic in the spring of last year, this year SLSC will be presenting awards for both 2020 and 2021. Please join us in celebrating the recipients of this double cohort of honourees and the important contributions they have made. To see the award descriptions and list of past recipients, please click here .