



A Partnership Profile

Action for Neighbourhood Change is a unique learning initiative that will explore and assess approaches to locally-driven neighbourhood revitalization that can enhance the capacity of individuals and families to build and sustain strong, healthy communities.

Action for Neighbourhood Change is an initiative funded by the Government of Canada and coordinated by United Way Canada - Centraide Canada in partnership with the Caledon Institute of Social Policy, Tamarack: An Institute for Community Engagement and the National Film Board of Canada, as well as the United Ways of the Lower Mainland (Surrey), Regina, Thunder Bay, Greater Toronto and Halifax. Working with local United Way coordinators and engaged citizens from all sectors of the community, these partners bring with them the necessary blend of knowledge, expertise, networks and hands-on experience to make *Action for Neighbourhood Change* a meaningful success.

It is hoped that additional partners, from the private sector as well as other government bodies and funders, will come on board as the ANC evolves.

United Way of Canada - Centraide Canada

Established in 1939 and headquartered in Ottawa, United Way Canada - Centraide Canada is the national office of United Way - Centraide, a non-partisan public interest organization that raises funds and works with local partners to improve lives. Since 2003, UWC - CC has been specifically committed to help build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action. Today there are 126 United Ways - Centraides across Canada ranging in scope from the largest – the United Way of Greater Toronto which raised more than \$89 million in 2004 – to small, strictly volunteer run organizations raising a few thousand dollars in and for their communities.

As the national convener for *Action for Neighbourhood Change* initiative, United Way Canada - Centraide Canada is responsible for the project's overall administration and management including finance, communications, evaluation and partnership facilitation.

Tamarack: An Institute for Community Engagement

Tamarack: An Institute for Community Engagement is a charitable organization that uses proven community engagement strategies to help Canadian communities take ownership of local issues. By providing coaching and other hands-on support to communities, and by focusing directly on the social process and local leadership, Tamarack helps to build relationships, identify issues, and facilitate an ongoing learning process that helps communities create effective community systems and structures that result in improved opportunities, good government, a clean environment and creative education for all people.



Tamarack is a key partner with the Caledon Institute of Social Policy and the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation in the Vibrant Communities initiative, a community-driven project linking 15 communities across Canada in an effort to reduce poverty through grass roots partnerships between people, organizations and government. In its role as a leading partner for *Action for Neighbourhood Change*, Tamarack will develop and coordinate implementation of the project's action research framework and learning process.

The Caledon Institute of Social Policy

The Caledon Institute of Social Policy is a private, nonprofit, social policy think tank. Established in 1992, the Caledon Institute performs rigorous, high quality research and analysis and develops practical proposals for the reform of Canadian social policy in a variety of important areas including income security, employment development and community capacity building. Caledon's guiding goal is to develop cost-effective solutions to the difficult problems created by our evolving population and the rapid pace of social change.

Caledon is a founding member of the Vibrant Communities initiative for poverty reduction and has recently won two major awards for its work in policy research and public affairs. As a key member of the *Action for Neighbourhood Change* team, the Caledon Institute will build relationships between governments and community members through the organization of policy dialogue sessions and the development of research papers addressing critical issues related to collaborative community renewal. It also will prepare stories documenting the community's work and reflection papers on the lessons learned across the five neighbourhood sites.

The Government of Canada

Action for Neighbourhood Change is a Government of Canada sponsored initiative, jointly funded by five separate organizations in three federal departments, including the National Secretariat on Homelessness, the Office of Learning Technologies and the National Literacy Initiative (all part of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada), Canada's Drug Strategy (Health Canada) and the Crime Prevention Strategy (Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness). Lessons learned from *Action for Neighbourhood Change* will be shared nationally across all levels of government to inform the development of effective, integrated policies and programs to support sustainable community well-being.

The National Film Board of Canada

Created in 1939, The National Film Board of Canada is a public agency that produces and distributes films and other audiovisual works which reflect Canada to Canadians and the rest of the world. As a supporting partner in *Action for Neighbourhood Change*, the National Film Board of Canada is providing video cameras and training for youth in all five pilot neighbourhoods to help establish communications linkages and capture important lessons learned in a personal, creative and meaningful way.

For more information about *Action for Neighbourhood Change* please visit our web site at www.anccommunity.ca.