



Federation of Foster Families of Nova Scotia

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To: All Foster Parents in Nova Scotia

From: Gary Landry, Executive Director

Date: April 1, 2019

Re: Annual General Meeting and Symposium

I would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all of you to attend the 2019 Annual General Meeting and Symposium of the Federation of Foster Families of Nova Scotia. This year's AGM is being hosted by the Central Region at the Best Western Chocolate Lake in Halifax from May 24th to May 26th.

Please fill out the attached registration form and return to the Federation Office by May 10th, 2019. A registration form must be completed for all participants and returned to the Federation Office before the event. Registration for foster parents is free. Registration for all others attending the full weekend is \$30. **Due to fire regulations, anyone not pre-registered will not be allowed to attend.** Also note that this is an adult only event, childcare is not provided.

As in the past, attendees are responsible for their own accommodations. A block of rooms is being held in the name of the Federation of Foster Families of Nova Scotia. The group rate this year is \$139 + tax per night and this includes breakfast. Please contact the Best Western at 902-477-5611 to book a room. **Reservations must be made by April 24th.** After this date, any rooms left are released to the general public and charged at the regular hotel rate.

Don't forget your loonies! There will be loonie auctions, pick-a-number 50/50 auctions, and of course the silent auction that runs from Friday evening until Saturday evening. All proceeds from our auctions go to our memorial bursaries. The Thelma Goodall Bursary is awarded each year to youth-in-care or former youth-in-care attending post-secondary education. The Jenny Cajolais Bursary is awarded to youth who are the biological or adopted children of foster parents who are attending post-secondary education. For more information on these bursaries please visit our website at www.fosterfamilies.ns.ca.

We look forward to seeing you there!



WEEKEND AGENDA

Federation of Foster Families of Nova Scotia
Annual General Meeting and Symposium
Best Western Chocolate Lake, Halifax

Friday May 24th, 2019

6:30pm	Registration Desk Opens	Hallway outside of Lakeview Ballroom	
6:30pm- 9:30pm	Refreshments & community booths	Lakeview Ballroom	Silent Auction will be open
7:30pm - 8:00pm	DCS presentation on Foster Care Redesign	Lakeview Ballroom	

Saturday May 25th, 2019

6:30am - 9:00am	Breakfast	Dining Room	
8:00 am-9:00am	Registration Continues		

Workshop morning breaks at 10:30 and afternoon breaks at 2:30

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Workshop	FASD	
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Workshop	Human Trafficking/Youth who have been sexually exploited	

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm LUNCH

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Workshop	The Blanket Project	
1:00 pm—4:00 pm	Workshop	Foster Care Redesign	

Saturday Evening

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Reception	Lakeview Ballroom	Cash Bar Opens at 6:00
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Banquet	Lakeview Ballroom	Buffet Supper
9:00 pm - 12:00 am	DJ & Dance	Lakeview Ballroom	

Sunday May 26th, 2019

6:30 am - 10:00 am	Breakfast	Dining Room	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Ecumenical Service	Lakeview C	All Welcome
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Annual General Meeting	Lakeview A	Everyone is asked to please be on time for this meeting
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Board Meeting	Lakeview A	Board Members Only

The Federation of Foster Families of Nova Scotia 2019 Annual General Meeting

“Bridges of Hope”

May 24, 25, & 26 at the Best Western Chocolate Lake,

250 Saint Margaret’s Bay Road, Halifax NS B3N 1J4

REGISTRATION FORM - REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 10, 2019.

Name of Participant #1 _____ Name of Participant # 2 _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Registration Status:
Foster Parent _____ Social Worker: _____ Other: _____

I/We Will Attend the Following Functions	Participant 1		Participant 2	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Friday Night Get-Together	___	___	___	___
Saturday Lunch	___	___	___	___
Saturday Night Banquet	___	___	___	___

	Participant 1	Participant 2
Are there dietary needs or food restrictions? If so, please indicate per participant.		

WORKSHOPS

Please see workshop details on the other side of this registration form and then
place a check mark by the workshop(s) you wish to attend.

Participant #1
Dr. Robert McInerney & Francis Perry - FASD 9:00 am - 12:00 pm _____
Cpl David Lane - “Human Trafficking” 9:00 am - 12:00 pm _____
Veronica Gore - “The KAIROS Blanket Project” 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm _____
Foster Care Redesign - Sue Giffin & Wendy Bungay 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm _____

Participant #2
Dr. Robert McInerney & Francis Perry - FASD 9:00 am - 12:00 pm _____
Cpl David Lane - “Human Trafficking” 9:00 am - 12:00 pm _____
Veronica Gore - “The KAIROS Blanket Project” 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm _____
Foster Care Redesign - Sue Giffin & Wendy Bungay 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm _____



Do you have a favourite song you’d like to hear at the dance Saturday night? Let us know your requests!

FASD

Dr. Robert McInerney, Ph.D., R.Psych. & Francis Perry

Dr. Robert McInerney is a neuropsychologist and clinical psychologist. His presentation will provide a general overview of FASD. He will discuss what it is, how it affects people, why it presents differently from person to person, how it is diagnosed, and what can be done to help manage it.

Francis Perry is a motivational speaker who was born with FAS. He was adopted at a young age following the accidental death of his mother. He tells the story of his early life and difficult childhood up until he was diagnosed in his late teen years.

“The KAIROS Blanket Project”

The Kairos Blanket Exercise is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history we're rarely taught. The exercise covers 500 years of history in each workshop.

Participants take on the roles of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Standing on blankets that represent the land, they walk through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization, and resistance.

“Human Trafficking ”

The number of suspected human trafficking cases is on the rise in Nova Scotia. Police report more families coming forward from every corner of the province to say their children, mostly daughters, have been forced into the sex trade and moved out of the province. There have been more than a dozen new cases since January 2017 that appear to be human trafficking that are under investigation by the RCMP, according to Cpl. David Lane, the Human Trafficking Coordinator for the RCMP in Nova Scotia. Cpt. Lane will present on this topic and will be joined by a 'first person storyteller' from the YWCA's "Nova Scotia Transition and Advocacy for Youth" program.

“Foster Care Redesign”

Sue Giffin, Coordinator of Foster Care, Wendy Bungay, Director of Placement Services, and other DCS Staff will be speaking about the Foster Care Redesign project and some of the upcoming updates.