

## **United Way Hubs Convening Project Monthly Learning Report**

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### Introduction

This learning report is the fourth of several that will be prepared monthly as the United Way Halifax's hubs convening project progresses.

### Goals for the Project

1. Build Relationships / Learning Network
2. Increase knowledge about hubs and role in community building
3. Build stronger neighbourhoods

### Action Priorities

As part of the fourth meeting of the Halifax Hubs Convening project, participants were again invited to brainstorm ideas for action. Again, there were several new people on hand. The current list of interested participants is about 54. About 29 people were able to make it to the February meeting including about 5 new people. The process of continuing to incorporate new people is an ongoing challenge, but the value of the different perspectives and new energy continues to make it worthwhile.

The following is a short summary of actions identified for the upcoming month of February to March 2016. Only actions with names attached are mentioned here, but a variety of other ideas are also included in the Action Priorities List, Appendix A – Version 4.0 (on the project website at <http://hubsproject.wix.com/unitedway>). Each month whoever shows up is invited to review all actions identified and prioritize which ones should be carried over, and new ones added, into the next month.

### Under Community Engagement...

- Both the Halifax Public Libraries and the Community Health Boards of Halifax agreed to continue to meet to discuss different ways to partner on ways to engage the public further around how to create healthy communities and raise awareness of the social determinants of health (this partnership was forged as part of the process of the hubs project)

### Partnerships...

- It was determined ALL should reach out to whoever they think might be interested in partnering in a hub in each participants own neighbourhood
- Also, the group meeting also noted that **WHEN THE FINAL PROJECT REPORT IS FINISHED**, that presentations should be made to various groups including business associations, other NGO's, government and other groups to invite them into the process of discussions around

what a hub is, their value, where they are needed, how to best support them; note a role for United Way Halifax in this process was also identified as helping to build anticipation of this report

Sustainability...

- Research Mobile Hubs

Mapping

Thanks to Ryan Gibson of St. Mary's University, several students also were part of the group this month and helped facilitate an initial participatory mapping exercise to determine where hubs currently exist in the city and to figure out where they might be needed. The hope is to continue this exercise which was very well received by the group.

Events

A number of events that might be of interest to people in the hubs project were also identified. A new section of the project website is being added to make this info available to all.

Resources

A number of new reports and resources have been added to the project website as well. Soon short summaries will also be added to make it easier for people to find information they might be most interested in.

In Conclusion

This concludes the 'learnings' processed to date. Next group meeting is March 3rd, 2016.