

# Wellbeing Waterloo Region

## Fall Update - 2018

### Hello Friends of Wellbeing Waterloo Region



**Just a reminder** that we are not having our WWR forum on November 1<sup>st</sup>. You can remove the November 1 date from your calendars as we are going to postpone the November 1 forum so it frees people up to attend the November 15<sup>th</sup> launch which is described below.

### ALL IN 2020:

#### Ending Chronic Homelessness in Waterloo Region Launch Event

You are invited to the extra special National Housing Day celebration this year. At the event, ALL IN 2020: Ending Chronic Homelessness in Waterloo Region will be launched as a joint initiative of Wellbeing Waterloo Region and Homelessness and Housing Umbrella Group (HHUG).

The event is taking place as follows:

**Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018**

**Time: 8:30am to noon**

**Location: The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), 67 Erb. Street West, Waterloo**

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Ray Hoover at 519-575-4400 X 4679 or [rhoover@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:rhoover@regionofwaterloo.ca)



## Housing Hero Newspaper Ads

As part of ALL IN 2020: Ending Chronic Homelessness in Waterloo Region, a series of ads will be in the Record over the months of November and December.

A huge thank you to Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation for donating the ad space. The ALL IN 2020 section of the ads will feature 6 different community leader housing heroes. The first ad will be published on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and will profile each of the 6 emergency shelters.

## Affordable Housing Catalyst Group & Action Groups

The Affordable Housing Catalyst group had its first meeting in July. Over twenty five people from various sectors and backgrounds who are passionate about ending chronic homelessness in Waterloo Region are participating on this Catalyst Group. To date, the group has met four times and has already accomplished a lot, highlights include:

- Helping to plan for the launch of the WWR and Homelessness and Housing Umbrella Group (HHUG) joint initiative: ALL IN 2020: Ending Chronic Homelessness in Waterloo Region.
- Providing input on the series of newspaper ads that will be published in the Record.
- Considering a presentation on how to create a fundraising plan and beginning to think about fundraising strategies.

Three small action groups have also formed to specifically focus on a communication strategy and the development of a data dashboard.

## How do we measure quality of life in our Communities?

Having standardized, reliable data is key to understanding how well a community is doing. There are measurement systems that can help our community do this work. But how do we mix and match the most appropriate indicators?



Come out to a workshop to:

- Learn more about the measurement systems being used in Waterloo Region.
- Learn about the Canadian Index of Wellbeing, the Sustainable Development Goals and the World Council on City Data.

Discuss where and when municipalities / organizations can use the measurement systems.

**Friday, December 14, 2018  
9:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Region of Waterloo  
150 Frederick Street  
Council Chambers**

To find out more and to print the poster invitation [click here](#).

Register at: [www.regionofwaterloo.ca/measurement](http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/measurement) or call 519-575-4758.

## **Wellbeing Waterloo Region Community Calendar**

We have created a [community calendar](#) so you can view upcoming events that are connected to wellbeing across Waterloo Region. We encourage community partners to send upcoming events to WWR backbone staff so we can make this calendar as up to date as possible. It can also be a place to look when you are planning large cross sector events or meetings in order to avoid time conflicts.

## **Enabling Structure**

We have a working group that has been working hard to follow up on the expression of interest process and will bring the list of potential members for each of the working groups to the Interim Reference group at the end of November. To find out more about of each of the groups click [here](#).

## Wellbeing Waterloo Region Survey

As you know we conducted a Wellbeing Survey in Waterloo region with 16 partner agencies. We had over 7,000 Surveys completed with a diverse group of residents. Thank you to everyone who helped us do outreach and assist people with the survey completion and promotion. The survey will generate data to provide a baseline of information on a comprehensive set of factors that reflect residents' personal and community well being. The survey results will also help shape at least 16 partner agency strategic plans including:

- All the area municipalities including the Region of Waterloo
- Waterloo Region Police Service
- Local Health Integration Network
- United Way Waterloo Region Communities
- The three Local Community Health Centers
- Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council
- Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation

The results will be made available in January 2019. We will be hosting some data sense making sessions in early 2019 so stay tuned!

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask WWR Backbone Staff.

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