

About Us

CASSA:

Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA) is a social justice umbrella organization working with Ontario's diverse South Asian communities.

Our Mission:

Our mission is to facilitate the economic, social, political and cultural empowerment of South Asians by serving as a resource for information, research, mobilization, coordination and leadership on social justice issues affecting our communities.

We also aspire to create social change by building alliances and working collaboratively with those who share a vision of empowering all communities to participate in defining Canada's future.

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Anti-Poverty Action Conference

The *Anti-Poverty Action Conference: Agencies Exercising Agency in Poverty Reduction* is a continuation of CASSA's initiatives to address poverty in our communities.

Target Audience:

This full-day conference is carefully designed for frontline workers, managers, and executive directors of non-profit and social justice organizations. Students and individuals interested in community services are also cordially invited to attend.

Registration:

The registration fee is \$30. A fee waiver is available for –

- Members of CASSA
- Students (with a proof of student status)
- Subsidies available if requested

Please fill out the attached registration form (or download the form from www.cassa.on.ca) and send it to CASSA (via mail/fax/email) by Monday, 15 March 2010.

Register early; space is limited!

Anti-Poverty Action Conference



Agencies Exercising Agency in Poverty Reduction

Monday, March 22, 2010

8:30 am – 5 pm

**Oakham House, Ryerson University
55 Gould Street, Toronto, ON M5B 1E9**

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Conference Agenda

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Registration and Breakfast

9:00 am – 9:15 am

Welcome and opening remarks

9:15 am – 10:00 am

The Panel: How can agencies play a meaningful role in poverty reduction? *

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Refreshment Break

10:15 am – 12:00 pm

First Session: Concurrent workshops (Participants will choose one from three available options) *

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Film screening/ performances

1:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Second Session: Concurrent workshops (Participants will choose one from three available options) *

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Keynote Speech *

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm:

Concluding remarks, discussions, next steps

* *Speakers and facilitators to be confirmed. Please visit our website www.cassa.on.ca for conference updates.*

Workshop Contents

The conference includes six workshops offered in two sessions, which will discuss contextual strategies for working with diverse groups of people living in poverty.

First session

- **The colour of poverty:** How can poverty reduction strategies address ongoing processes of feminization and racialization of poverty?
- **Poverty and legal rights:** Why is recognition of legal rights of community members an inevitable requirement for poverty reduction?
- **Poverty and health inequities:** How can different public health-related inequities and stigmas be addressed in poverty reduction initiatives?

Second session

- **Poverty and women's rights:** Why is it essential to pay attention to women's rights in order to alleviate poverty?
- **Poverty and youth rights:** How does poverty impede enactment of youth rights? How can immediate and long-term plans reduce youth poverty in our communities?
- **Poverty and LGBTTIQQ2s rights:** Why are LGBTTIQQ2s rights necessary to address in anti-poverty campaigns and programs?

Transportation, directions, parking

By Public Transit:

From Dundas Station, walk north along Yonge Street, turn right (east) on Gould Street. Walk along Gould Street until you arrive at 55.



By Car:

Highway 401 east or west to Yonge Street, south on Yonge, turn left (east) at Gerrard or Gould (no turns are permitted at Yonge and Dundas).

Don Valley Parkway south to Bloor Street, turn right (west) at Bloor, turn left (south) at Church, continue until Gerrard, Gould or Dundas.

Gardiner Expressway east or west to Yonge Street, continue north until Gould or Gerrard. City street maps show alternate routes.

Parking:

Please visit <http://www.ryerson.ca/maps/campusmap-large.html> for parking information.