

Presenters

Gurpreet Malhotra, Executive Director, India Rainbow Community Services – “Inside, Outside and Across the Table: Perspectives on Partnership”

Gurpreet is currently the Executive Director at India Rainbow Community Services, a leading provider of culturally appropriate community and health services in Peel Region. He has more than a decade experience as a Professor and Program Coordinator of the Community Development Program at Sheridan College.

Previously, Gurpreet was the Director of Strategic Planning, Policy and Partnerships at the Region of Peel and served as Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor at the Ontario Ministry Community and Social Services. He has held leadership roles with the Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre, Peel Long Term Care Advisory Committee, Peel Regional Police Community Liaison Committee, and the Ontario Federation of South Asian Students. Gurpreet is happily married with two sons and lives in Peel.

Graham Clyne, Executive Director, Peel Children and Youth Initiative – “Evidence Informed Decision Making in the Non-profit sector”

Graham Clyne is a national leader in the non-profit sector, published author in the areas of research and economic evaluation, well-respected public speaker and moderator, and Executive Director of the Peel Children & Youth Initiative. He holds a Master’s Degree in Political Science from the University of Western Ontario and has been awarded the Peter F. Drucker Award for Non-Profit Innovation. He became part of PCYI in 2010 after working in leadership roles with a number of other non-profit organizations across Canada, including The Calgary Children’s Initiative, The Prevention Dividend Project: Foundation for Learning, and United Way: London & Middlesex. Graham is a proud dad and grandpa and you can follow him on Twitter @Graham_Clyne.

Peel Data Centre, Region of Peel – “Using Open Data”

The [Peel Data Centre \(PDC\)](#) is a network of Region of Peel resources managed by the Service Innovation, Information and Technology Department. The PDC was created in 2005 to give residents and organizations greater access to insightful data products and a wide range of tabular and spatial data focusing on Peel and the GTA.

The PDC participates in collaborative research projects and works with internal and external users to understand and use data. Key outputs brought to you by the PDC include Peel’s [Open Data Portal](#), [infographic bulletins](#), and [dynamic neighbourhood data tools](#). The PDC is a resource accessible to all, and staff is always available to help with custom requests and facilitate discussions about data

literacy.

Pat Spadafora, Director, Sheridan Centre for Elder Research – “College-Community Partnerships”

Pat is the Director of the Centre for Elder Research, an applied research centre at Sheridan College. Ms. Spadafora has a proven track record of bringing innovative projects to fruition. The Centre, founded by Ms. Spadafora, conducts interdisciplinary, community based research that focuses on quality of life factors associated with aging. The Centre enables researchers to go from “lab to life”™ with its consumer driven focus and emphasis on knowledge translation.

Pat’s professional background is in social work and adult education. However, for over twelve years, she has focused on creating and developing a program of applied research that benefits older adults and their families. Her research interests include creative aging, the health and well-being benefits of engagement in the creative and performing arts, technology to support aging-in-place, diverse populations and the business of aging. She has a particular interest in exploring ways to bridge the arts and technology.

Poster Presentations

Poster Title	Presenter	Organization
Peel Elder Abuse Prevention Network	Kenneth Stern	PEAPN
Becoming a Youth Driven Organization	Darcy MacCallum	Erin Mills Youth Centre
Naseeha Muslim Youth Helpline	Suzanne Muir	Naseeha Muslim Youth Helpline
Children and Youth Grief Network	Trish Flannagn	Children and Youth Grief Network
Age Friendly Mississauga	Lorena Smith	City of Mississauga
Centre communautaire	Lauraine Côté	Cercle de l'amitié
The Bridge to Work Program	Katie Andrews	The Bridge Prison Ministry
Let’s Build a Healthy Community	Ranjana Mitra	Community Environment Alliance
Community Farming	Karen Hutchinson	Albion Hills Community Farm
Elizabeth Fry Society	Jody Horzelenberg	Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton
Peel Parenting Collective: Understanding Family Communication and Information Access Among Peel	Julie Pehar	Equity vision consulting

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Families		
Outdoor Planning	Laura Thorkildsen	Sheridan College
Experiencing Gender Creativity: A Before and After Study of ECEs Implementing Gender Creative Literature	Danielle Pusateri	Sheridan College
Rapid Review: Effective Interventions to Reduce alcohol-related harm in Licensed Establishments	Troy MacLean	Peel Public Health
Effective Interventions to Prevent Males in Their Late Teens and Early Twenties from Progressing to Regular Smoking	Sandy Foster	Peel Public Health
Mississauga's Neighbourhood Watch Program	Alex Papatchidis	Safe City Mississauga
Framework on Equity, anti-racism and anti-oppression	Monica Riutort	Peel Institute on Violence Prevention
Identifying Gaps in Data Collection Practices of Health, Justice and Social Service Agencies Serving Survivors of Interpersonal Violence in Peel	Leena Masoud	Peel Institute on Violence Prevention
FACILITATING ACCESS CHANGE EQUITY IN SYSTEMS (F.A.C.E.S Collaborative Research Project) "Consultations into the Wellbeing of Black Youth in Peel"	Maame Debrah	United Way of Peel Region
Governing Civility: An Ethnographic Study of Municipal Law and Neighbourhood Conflict.	Rory Sommers	Sheridan College
High Quality Person-Centred Care - Medication Process Quality Improvement Plan	Raymond Applebaum	Peel Senior Link
Qualitative Research with South Asian Immigrant Mothers	Ferzana Chaze	Sheridan College
Building a Vibrant Brampton (Together)	Abigail Salole	Sheridan College

Information Exchange Hubs

Ethics and Community-based Research

Expert: Dr. Kirsten Madsen

Dr. Kirsten Madsen is a psychology professor in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Sheridan, and is the Chair of the Sheridan Research Ethics Board, a position she has held since the Sheridan REB's inception 9 years ago. The Sheridan REB is well versed on ethical issues relating to applied community research.

Kirsten Madsen has been engaged in research with an emphasis on applied research for over 25 years. Her areas of interest are: aggression, bullying, gender differences, program development, and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Evidence-Informed Decision Making and Evaluation

Experts: Graham Clyne, Elana Gray & Heather Krause

Graham Clyne is the Executive Director of the Peel Children and Youth Initiative (PCYI). He is a *published author in the areas of research and economic evaluation and has ample experience using evidence in the non-profit sector.*

Elana Gray is a *Research Officer with the Peel District School Board. Elana has ample experience working on research projects and evaluations at PDSB and in collaboration with the community sector.*

Heather Krause is the *Research Manager at PCYI. Heather is an accredited Professional Statistician (PStat) with over a decade of experience of conducting evaluations in the field.*

Hearing the Client Voice and Qualitative Research

Experts: Nicole Blanchett Neheli, Dr. Ferzana Chaze & Bethany Osborne

Nicole Blanchett Neheli is the Program Coordinator and a professor in the Journalism program at Sheridan College. Her areas of expertise are television production and online news coverage. She received her undergraduate degree in Journalism from Ryerson, and also holds a Master of Arts in Professional Communication. Her current areas of research include participatory journalism and its impact on public discourse—research that is showcased on her blog, *Redefining Journalism*. The majority of her research to date has fallen under the participatory action paradigm, focusing mainly on ethnographic/qualitative data collection, with a web component.

Dr. Ferzana Chaze has over 10 years of research experience in relation to immigrants and their process of settlement in Canada. Ferzana has used qualitative, quantitative and mixed method research methods to draw attention to challenges/vulnerabilities racialized immigrants experience

in the settlement process in relation to finding meaningful employment, parenting and mental health.

Bethany Osborne began her journey towards becoming a researcher while she was working as a community development worker. One of her frustrations about academic researchers was that they often came into the communities that she was working in, got the data that they needed and then the community never heard from them again. This made her determined to do research differently. Over the last 12 years, Bethany has worked on various community based and participatory action research projects, always with an arts based component. One of her main goals in her research is to ensure that the community is actively engaged in the research process and that they benefit from both the research process and findings.

Open Data in Peel

Experts: Andrea Dort & Kevin Farrugia

Andrea Dort is well versed in the use of many datasets relevant to research here in Peel. Over time she has learned to expertly maneuver the ins and outs that are inherent with various data sources and how to represent them. Andrea is also trained as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analyst, incorporating spatial analysis and mapping into projects.

Kevin Farrugia is a GIS analyst at the Region and spends his time helping to maintain corporate geospatial data, provide GIS and mapping support to clients, and develops tools for the Region and the public to use. He also maintains the open data website and works with those looking to use the Region's open data for their projects.