

## VC St. John's: Building Community Leadership

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Momentum is growing in St. John's, NL! People and partners from all sectors have contributed to a 'whole community' action plan for poverty reduction. Throughout the planning process, VC St. John's has had great success in increasing the meaningful involvement of people living with low-income/poverty. Specific activities to this end have included:



- A series of seven lunchtime discussions held in partnership with various neighbourhood Community Centres, the Women's Centre and other community partners;
- A Day of Dialogue which brought together people from all sectors to share and discuss collaborative approaches to poverty reduction; and
- Laying the groundwork for a 'citizens' voice' forum - a place where people living with low-income/poverty can come together to share, learn new skills, and work together to impact policy and decision-making in our community.

Encouraging the involvement of diverse community leaders will continue to be priority as VC. St. John's moves into implementation of its community plan in early 2008, with a newly-expanded Leadership Team at the helm!

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