

## Education and Sport at Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Forum

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The [Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council](#) hosts its first Poverty Reduction Partnership Forum on Nov. 4-5, 2010.

Following insights from Mark Cabaj drawn from Tamarack's national experience and from Mark Chamberlain drawn from the Hamilton Poverty Reduction Roundtable experience, participants will learn more about Winnipeg initiatives, e.g.:

- [Pathways to Education](#), based on a model from Toronto's Regent Park that lowers high school dropout rates and increases access to post-secondary education among disadvantaged youth
- The [University of Winnipeg's community initiatives](#):
  - A "Model School" for high school youth at risk of dropping out
  - Eco-Kids summer camps and science programming on campus
  - A forthcoming Digital Learning Lab, a media lab for high school students
- The University of Winnipeg has also developed the Opportunity Fund, with plans for a \$10-million endowment fund to ensure access for low income people to higher education and opportunities
- The [North End Hockey Program](#), designed to remove barriers faced by low income families to participating in sports like hockey and soccer.

The gathering includes an address from Manitoba's Premier, the Honourable Greg Selinger, and discussion of community indicators.