

Community Quality of Life: *From Indicators to Action*

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Keynote Speakers

Ted Nolan

Head Coach, New York Islanders



Ted Nolan was born at Garden River First Nation in northern Ontario in 1958. The 3rd youngest of twelve children, in a house lacking electricity and plumbing, Ted learned resilience and pride in his Anishinabek heritage. He was taught to follow his vision. He believes that pride, strength and a willingness to dream are both central to that vision and essential for success. Ted played hockey for many years, including with the Soo Greyhounds of the Ontario Major Junior A Hockey league and the Detroit Red Wings. He then turned to coaching, and in 2006 rejoined the National Hockey League as a coach for the New York Islanders.

Today, Ted's skills as a mentor and motivational speaker are in demand and he navigates between the aboriginal community and the corporate boardroom with ease. Ted has dedicated his time to aboriginal youth in Canada and has been constantly on the road visiting First Nation communities across the land to speak directly to young people. With the Assembly of First Nations, he developed the Indigenous Hockey Program and took a junior level team to compete in Finland.

Throughout these activities he has focused on the Ted Nolan Foundation, a registered charity promoting healthy lifestyle choices for young First Nation people. He envisions a world in which aboriginal youth will be empowered as leaders in the 21st century and has negotiated partnerships with First Nation organizations, the corporate sector and post-secondary institutions to ensure the success of his program initiatives. He also managed the Rose Nolan Memorial Scholarship Fund and its fundraising vehicle, the Ted Nolan Annual Golf Tournament in partnership with the Southern First Nations Secretariat (SFNS).

Dennis Raphael, PhD

Professor and Undergraduate Program Director
School of Health Policy and Management



Social Determinants of Health: Identifying and Applying Appropriate Indicators of their Quality

The primary determinants of health are the living conditions -- social determinants of health -- to which people are exposed. The quality of these living conditions is shaped by public policies enacted by local, provincial, and federal governments. In this presentation, indicators of the quality of various social determinants of health are presented as are the public policies that would enhance the quality of these determinants.

Dennis Raphael is a Professor at the School of Health Policy and Management at York University in Toronto, Canada. The most recent of his over 130 publications have focused on the health effects of income inequality and poverty, the quality of life of communities and individuals, and the impact of government decisions on Canadians' health and well-being. Dr. Raphael is editor of

"Social Determinants of Health: Canadian Perspectives" co-editor of "Staying Alive: Critical Perspectives on Health, Illness, and Health Care" and author of "Poverty and Policy in Canada: Implications for Health and Quality of Life", all published by Canadian Scholars' Press. He is a member of the Advisory Committee for Canada's National Collaborating Centre on the Determinants of Health and is an advisor to an upcoming PBS series on social inequalities and health in the USA.

Joan Kuyek

National Coordinator
MiningWatch Canada



Joan Newman Kuyek has been the National Co-ordinator of Mining Watch Canada - a pan-Canadian coalition of environmental, labour, social justice and Aboriginal groups - since its inception in April 1999.

She has a long history as an adult educator and community development practitioner. From 1991-9, she founded and organized two community development corporations in Sudbury, the Better Beginnings Better Futures Association, and G.E.O.D.E. – Grassroots Economic Development and Evaluation. Before that she worked for The Church and the Economic Crisis Project of the United Church of Canada, the World Council of Churches and for the Sudbury Community Legal Clinic. She has also been a municipal councillor (in Kingston), a bank teller, a salesclerk, landscaper, nurse's aide, telephone service representative and teacher. She has three grown children and four grandchildren.

Her publications include [Working for Bell Canada: The Phone Book](#), and [Fighting for Hope: Organizing to Realize Our Dreams](#).

Joan's presentation will reflect on the cultural, economic and political biases inherent in the term "quality of life" and the political and economic reasons for measuring it. The presentation will address this in the context of mineral development in northern Ontario and its impacts on indigenous and settler communities. It will suggest ways in which the problematic of quality of life indicators might be addressed.

Michelle Colussi

Manager, Technical Assistance Division
Centre for Community Enterprise
Parksville, British Columbia



If you want to engage citizens and organizations in change, in a meaningful way, over the long term, it's not the measures (indicators) you should be focused on. Michelle will talk about what the Centre for Community Enterprise and others have learned about mobilizing communities for planning, action and learning. What we learn from intentional, collaborative action is the real story here, and the indicators are only a means to that end, they are not the end in itself.

Michelle Colussi is the Manager of the Technical Assistance Division with the Center for Community Enterprise (CCE). Michelle has worked in education, recreation, mental health, the arts and community economic development (CED). She has been involved in entrepreneur training and was for several years the general manager of a Community Futures Development Corporation on the west coast of B.C. Michelle has an extensive background in rural development projects, multi-stakeholder facilitation and board/leadership development in the non-profit sector. She was a key staff member in the development of the Community Resilience Manual that CCE developed, and has recently adapted for the Government of Botswana. She has published a number of articles and research findings related to community planning, visioning and the use of indicators. Over the last two years she has been working with a variety of development organizations and non-profits to strengthen social enterprise development in BC.

John Perry

Senior Advisor and Vice President
National Quality Institute



He led the development of NQI Quality & Wellness Criteria for various sectors, including health care organizations, municipalities and the business sector. He is a 2005 recipient, along with environmentalist Dr. David Suzuki, of the Canada Awards for Excellence Recognition of Achievement Award, in recognition of his outstanding performance in the advancement of the quality of life of Canadians. In 2006, he was a recipient of the National Who's Who in Healthcare Award from Canadian Healthcare Manager Magazine, for his work on healthy workplace criteria design, promotion and implementation