



Workshop 15: Nothing About Us Without Us: Patients with Diverse Lived Experience Need to be Part of your Policy Shaping Team

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Description:

When people with lived experience (PWLEs) are not included in the decision-making process, in research, and in all other endeavours, it creates an unbalanced approach issues including the failed war on drugs, increased overdose deaths and housing instability, among other issues related to social inequality and marginalization. PWLEs are fundamental partners in co-designing primary health care, and the full participation and equalization of opportunities for PWLEs is necessary for the effective formulation and implementation of strategies to address social issues in Canada.

Panelists with lived experience as patient research partners at the Alliance for Healthier Communities will talk about the value they and other PWLEs bring to the decision-making process and what needs to be in place in order to ensure that your lived-experience partners are properly supported.

Session objectives and learning outcomes:

- A deeper appreciation of the value of PWLE as decision-making partners
- An understanding of how to support the full participation of PWLEs in decision-making.

Full description:

Four members of the EPIC Client & Community Research Partners Committee at the Alliance (three panelists and a moderator) will talk about their work as lived-experience partners at the Alliance and elsewhere. They'll talk about their reasons for doing this work, the lived experience expertise they bring, and what they think other organizations should know and consider when developing a patient advisory committee. A more detailed description will be provided in April.