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2023 Winter Term Free Public Lecture

January 30, 2023
Monday
2:00 pm
Zoom webinar

POVERTY IS A POLITICAL CHOICE

Almost 1 in 4 children in Nova Scotia live in poverty. This is the highest rate of child poverty in Atlantic Canada and the third-highest provincial child poverty rate in Canada. Behind these numbers are real people, parents choosing between paying rent, buying groceries, and heating homes as the rising costs of living and lack of government action make the situation worse. Join us at 2pm, Monday January 30, 2023 as Jackie Barkley and Alec Stratford explain the connection between this crisis and government policies, and the action that is needed to eliminate poverty in our province.



JACKIE BARKLEY is a community activist who has worked in front-line social work and therapy for over 40 years, including at the Nova Scotia Hospital and the IWK. She was a founding member of Solidarity Kijipuktuk, as well as the Metro Coalition for a Non -Racist Society and the Child Welfare Advocacy Coalition. She has lectured widely and written on issues of racism and white supremacy, parenting, and child protection issues. In 2014, she was the winner of the Ron Stratford Award for Outstanding Contribution to Social Service in Nova Scotia.



ALEC STRATFORD is the Executive Director of the Nova Scotia College of Social Workers. He has worked as a child protection worker in Newfoundland, a school support counsellor in Calgary, a community organizer with the City of Edmonton and as a sessional instructor at MacEwan and Dalhousie Universities. Alec believes that engaged informed and mobilized communities can lead to transformative change.