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Update Report TAG – The Action Group on Access to Justice

Connect, Create and Communicate: Public Legal Education and the Access to Justice Movement

TAG is partnering with [LawConnect Ontario](#) (a collaboration of OJEN and CLEO) on [Connect, Create and Communicate: Public Legal Education and the Access to Justice Movement](#). We are inviting short proposals for workshops that: introduce participants to new ideas or different skills, would be useful to people working in other places or sectors, are engaging and interactive and are practical. The conference is open to interested legal professionals, community workers, students, and other people working in access to justice and doing PLEI. The deadline for proposals is **June 27th at 6pm**. Connect, Create and Communicate will be held in Toronto from October 20th to 21st and is part of Access to Justice Week which will take place from October 17th to 21st. Updates will be available on the TAG website.

Architects of Justice at Doors Open Toronto

TAG launched its Architects of Justice program at Osgoode Hall during the Doors Open Toronto festival from May 28th to 29th. A team of law and paralegal students ran a design thinking initiative that engaged the public in the development of access to justice solutions. In addition, 550 respondents were surveyed about everyday access to justice concerns. On May 28th Abbey Flower Heritage Specialist at Infrastructure Ontario gave a presentation on the archeology of the New Toronto Courthouse site. A summary of tweets from the event can be found at [this link](#). Architects of Justice will run throughout the summer in various sites across Ontario. Updates will be posted on the TAG website.

Roundtable: Maintaining Self-Determination in Times of Incapacity

On June 7th TAG hosted a roundtable about access to justice and advance care planning in partnership with the Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation, Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, Hospice Palliative Care Ontario and HALCO. The focus was on patients with chronic health conditions and the discussion explored ways to strengthen links between the legal and medical community and improve public legal education. Outcomes from the discussion will be shared in the coming weeks.

The roundtable featured the following speakers:

Kate Murzin

Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR)

Judith Wahl

Advocacy Centre for the Elderly

Steve Hubel

Mood Disorders Association of Ontario (MDAO)
Facilitator, Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) program

Ron Rosenes

Consultant, HIV Sector
Chair, National Coordinating Committee on HIV and Aging Research Working Group

Julie Darnay

Hospice Palliative Care Ontario

Amy Wah

HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO)

Ryan Peck

HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic Ontario (HALCO)

History Repeating? Forensic Evidence, Motherisk and Miscarriages of Justice

On June 6th TAG partnered with Innocence Canada (formerly AIDWYC) on a CPD session that outlined the role of flawed forensic pathology in miscarriages of justice in Canada. The program had approximately 100 in-person attendees and 100 webcast viewers. A link to the webcast will be made available on the TAG website.

The program featured the following speakers:

Philip M. Epstein

Senior Partner, Epstein Cole LLP

Brian H. Greenspan

Partner, Greenspan, Humphrey, Lavine

Dr. Dirk Huyer

Chief Coroner for Ontario

Hon. Justice Susan Lang

Court of Appeal for Ontario

James Lockyer

Partner, Lockyer Campbell Posner

Rachel Mendleson

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