

Evaluation To Address Complex & Wicked Policy Issues | Flip Sheet

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Comprehensive Community Initiatives

These are one key direction to address social determinants of health on the ground and mobilize community and cross-sectoral action. These reports and a presentation review the international evidence on the potential and success conditions for comprehensive community initiatives.

<http://www.wellesleyinstitute.com/research/comprehensive-community-initiatives-lessons-learned-potential-and-opportunities-moving-forward/>



Addressing 'Wicked Policy Problems

This article for the federal government's on-line journal Horizons carries forward the analysis of comprehensive community initiatives to argue that they have great policy potential. It sets out the policy, regulatory, funding and capacity building enablers that can achieve this potential.

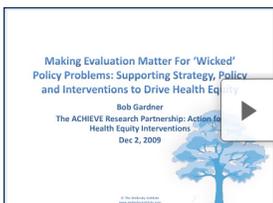
<http://www.wellesleyinstitute.com/blog/policy-solutions-for-wicked-and-complex-social-problems/>



Evaluating Community Impacts

These speaking notes were for a recent Tamarack Institute learning community on Evaluating Community: Capturing and Making Sense of Community Outcomes.

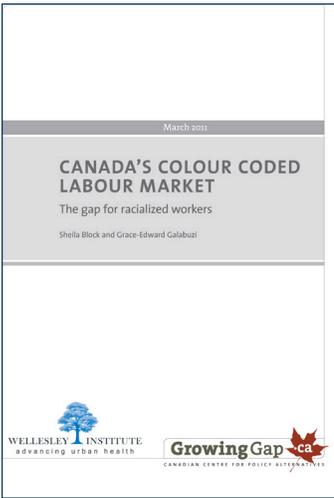
<http://wellesleyinstitute.com/blog/driving-community-impact-complex-evaluation-for-complex-problems/>



Evaluation for Wicked Problems: Driving Health Equity Strategy

This is a discussion paper on the challenges of evaluating local and regional health equity strategies prepared for an international collaboration on evaluating complex interventions. attached We also presented a workshop on Making Evaluation Matter: Supporting Strategy, Policy and Interventions to Drive Health Equity.

<http://www.wellesleyinstitute.com/blog/healthcare-reform-blog/equity-focused-evaluation/>

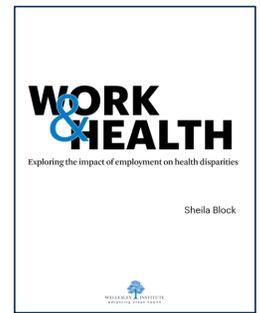


Canada's Colour Coded Labour Market (March, 2011)

Racialized Canadians encounter a persistent colour code that blocks them from the best paying jobs our country has to offer. The pay gap between racialized and non-racialized Canadians is large: Racialized Canadians earn only 81.4 cents for every dollar paid to non-racialized Canadians. The country's demographic composition is undergoing major transformation. If the labour market continues to relegate workers from racialized groups to the back of the pack, the number of Canadians left behind will only accelerate, calling into question the promise that Canada is a fair and caring society committed to equal opportunities, no matter who you are and where you come from. The unequal patterns of labour market outcomes and the vulnerabilities to racial discrimination that racialized group members and recent immigrants suffer not only lead to disproportionately higher levels of low income, but they also structure a racialized experience of poverty that creates social alienation, powerlessness, marginalization, voicelessness, vulnerability, and insecurity both in the workplace and in the community. This combination of factors results in higher health risks for the racialized population.

Work and Health: Exploring the impact of employment on health disparities (December 2010)

Our working lives are an essential contributor to what keeps us healthy and what makes us sick. This paper explores the linkages between labour market policies, employment conditions, working conditions and health disparities. It discusses evidence on the impact of these factors on health outcomes. Finally, it outlines next steps the Wellesley Institute will be taking to further our understanding of the relationship between labour market policies, labour market outcomes and population health, and to advocate for policies that will reduce labour market inequality.



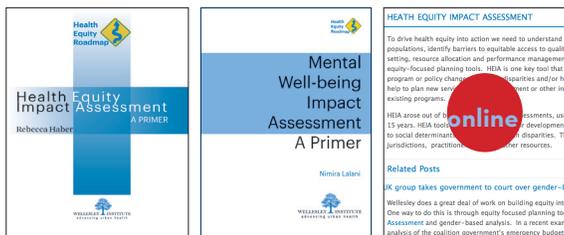
Peer Research In Action (December, 2010)

Peer research has emerged as a popular form of community-based research (CBR) where research projects include members of the target population who are trained to participate as co-researchers. The inclusion of community members in CBR through peer research initiatives is thought to enhance the quality of the data collected, allow for the expertise of lived experience to be incorporated over time, while promoting capacity building at the local level.



Evidence-Based Planning Tools: Health Equity Impact Assessment

To drive health equity into action we need to understand the needs of health disadvantaged populations, identify barriers to equitable access to quality care, and build equity into priority setting, resource allocation and performance management. That means we need a repertoire of effective equity-focused planning tools. HEIA is one key tool that analyzes the potential impact of service, program or policy changes on health disparities and/or health disadvantaged populations. It can help to plan new services or initiatives, assess and re-align existing programs, and build awareness of equity within organizations.



The Wellesley Institute is a Toronto-based non-profit and non-partisan research and policy institute. Our focus is on developing research and community-based policy solutions to the problems of urban health and health disparities.

