



Making Voices Count works with city decision makers to create a city for all. It is driven by residents, Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres, City for All Women Initiative, and community partners.

Making Voices Count at City Hall

Residents from low-income communities are being recruited by Community Health and Resource Centres to bring their insights and develop skills for bringing concerns to 2017 City Budget and City Hall.

Why?

City of Ottawa provides services that affect us every day, such as public transit, social housing and childcare.

Decisions made by the Mayor and Councillors we elect will have an impact on our lives, our communities and the services we depend upon. They are accountable to us.

People living on low-income are among the least likely to have their voices heard.

You can help to turn this around and make your voices heard!

What Would You Do?

If selected, you would:

- Participate in one full-day workshop (see details on second page) on how City of Ottawa and city budget process work, how to make your voices heard at City Hall, and how to raise Making Voices Count issues (low-income transit pass, increase funding for social infrastructure, and improve City's decision making process) with Mayor and Councillors;
- Take your learning back to your community to inform your neighbours about the 2017 City Budget and the issues, and get involved;
- Participate in ward-level public consultation;
- Contact the Mayor and your Councillor about the issues;
- Give a five minute presentation to a Standing Committee about your concern.

To make it possible:

- A community developer from the centre where you are recruited would support you, working together with other women leaders and residents in the community.
- Childcare costs and bus tickets will be reimbursed.
- A \$50 honorarium for each workshop in recognition of you taking action to make your voices heard in 2017 City Budget.

To participate:

- You need to be available during the day for a full-day workshop.

Cosponsored by: Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres
City for All Women Initiative

Workshop: Making Voices Count at City Hall

Date of the training: 9:00am-4:00pm, Sept. 27 or Oct. 5

You would attend **either** Sept. 27 **or** Oct. 5 on the date that the community developer with whom you are working is able to attend.)

Location: City Hall

OC Transpo Bus Route: No. 5, 14, 97, 95

Participants will learn:

- why our voices are important
- how City and city budget process work
- how to make our voices count in 2017 City Budget and at City Hall
- skills for effectively communicating messages of concern to the Mayor and Councillors

Follow up Action:

Possible media training in early November helps you learn how to get your concerns out through media.

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Registration Form

Name _____

Neighbourhood or nearest intersection _____

Phone _____ E-Mail (if available) _____

Community Health or Resource Centre _____

- 1. Why would you like to participate in a workshop on city budget and City Hall?**

- 2. What do you hope to learn there?**

- 3. The workshops will take place from 9:00 to 4:00. Can you make arrangements to be available for that time?**

- 4. Are you able to commit to taking action during 2017 City Budget process?**

- 5. We want to help address any barriers that you may have to full participation. Do you have any special needs that we should keep in mind?**

- 6. Do you have children who require childcare support in order for you to participate?**
All Day _____ Number of children _____
After School _____ Number of children _____