



End Homelessness St. John's Board Member Biographies (2019)



John Brooks, Chair, QC, John Brooks Law Office

John Brooks is presently a private practitioner in St John's, having been admitted to the Newfoundland & Labrador Law Society in 1979. He is a criminal law lawyer, having served as a Provincial Crown Attorney for 20 years in various parts of the province; and then as a Federal Crown from 2002-2012 in St. John's. In late 2012, John returned to private practise where he continues to act as a Federal Crown agent from time to time; and as a defense counsel under the Criminal Code of Canada.

John has considerable experience as a legal educator. He is a former instructor at Memorial University (MUN extension), and has spoken to numerous legal and lay organizations. Since 1994 John has been part time faculty at the University of New Brunswick Law School with the Fundamentals of Advocacy (moot court) program. As a visiting practitioner there, he has also given lectures on Advocacy, Criminal law issues, the Charter, and Professional Responsibility. John is a former Bencher of the Law Society of NL (Board of Directors), having served two terms from 2001-2009.

In the community, he has served on vestry at St. Augustine's Church, St. Johns from 2002-2012 in various capacities, including as Warden and Chair. He also served on the Executive of the St. John's Masters Softball League from 2014-2016. He is presently on the Board of Directors of Pathways in St John's. John is honoured to be on the Board of End Homelessness St. John's (EHSJ) and looks forward to working in collaboration with Board members, staff and stakeholders as we move into a new era for EHSJ.



Beverley Clarke, BSW, MSW

Beverley holds a BSW from Memorial University and a MSW from Carleton University. She worked in the health and community services sector for 35 years (1981-2016). For the first ten years she worked in the non-profit sector in addictions services where she was responsible for developing the first plan for addictions treatment services for the province.

In 1992 she joined the Department of Health and Community Services and spent the next 25 years working in this system. Beverley held progressively more responsible positions within the sector including Assistant Deputy Minister, Vice President of Eastern Health and was the Deputy Minister of Health when she retired from the public service.

She continues to provide consultation services with a specific interest in the area of mental health and addictions. Beverley has always maintained her interest in enhancing the policy and services needed to support those most vulnerable in our society through her work and volunteer activities.

She has served on several Boards at the provincial and national level. These include Iris Kirby House, the Kids Eat Smart Foundation, Evergreen Environmental, Stella's Circle, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and Addictions and the Canadian Executive Council for Addictions. Beverley is currently on the Evergreen Environmental Board, a social enterprise providing employment to individuals with mental health and addictions issues. In her retirement Beverley has taken up some new leisure activities. She has become an avid hiker, joined a community garden and become a member of a community Choir.



Lisa Crockwell, BSW,MSW, Executive Director & Registrar, NL Association of Social Workers

Lisa Crockwell is the Executive Director and Registrar of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Social Workers; the regulatory body and professional association for over 1,600 social workers.

Lisa has served on numerous committees and boards related to social, health and regulatory issues provincially, nationally and internationally. She was the founding co-chair of the NL Health Regulators Network and a member of the founding executive committee for the Canadian Council of Social Work Regulators. She was recently re-elected to the Board of Directors, Association of Social Work Boards; an international non-profit organization dedicated to social work regulation.

Lisa has taught health and social policy at the Memorial University School of Social Work and was a community facilitator with the Memorial University Faculty of Medicine. She holds masters and bachelors degrees in social work from Memorial University and is currently pursuing an LLM degree through Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. Prior to her current position, she practiced social work in the area of child and adolescent mental health.



Justin Graham Dearing, Social Innovation Changemaker, Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development, Memorial University

Raised in Newfoundland and Labrador and shaped by its people, coastlines, and communities, Justin has dedicated himself to supporting youth, communities, and projects in NL as they contribute to a healthy and prosperous future for the people of NL.

Justin has spent 12 years in social innovation and community engagement in the not-for-profit sector, and over the past 8 years has held increasingly senior roles responsible for developing and delivering social innovation projects, operations, and events. In 2010, Justin was recognized as one of Atlantic Canada's 40 Emerging Leaders and received extensive leadership training from Atlantic Canada's top business, government, and private sector leaders. In 2011, he was named the Multi Material Stewardship Board's Waste Reduction Hero for leading the Marine Institute's civic engagement and volunteer-based ocean conservation Ocean Net programs. In June 2013, Justin received the Newfoundland & Labrador Environmental Award (Individual) by the Department of Environment and Conservation for excellence in environmental leadership.

From 2014-16, as Manager of Education, Outreach, and Alumni Programs with the Students On Ice Foundation, Justin managed complex expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic providing transformative experiential learning opportunities for youth and addressed the need for action and change. In 2017, Justin joined the Harris Centre at Memorial University as its Social Innovation Changemaker and is devoting his talents to transforming the challenges we currently face in NL.

To Justin, the bottom line is that the depth of our challenges directly relates to the quality of our opportunities, and he is committed to helping communities take ownership of those opportunities. He believes the greatest untapped resource in our province lies in the innovation and leadership potential of its people. Justin's personal mantra, "Waiting to make a difference, is the one thing that guarantees you never will", motivates him to BE the change instead of WAITING for change.



Jesse Donaldson, Chief Operating Officer, SucSeed

Jesse Donaldson has a decade of experience in social policy, research and communications in the United Kingdom and Canada. Notably, she was instrumental in the development of the Home Depot Canada Foundation's commitment to end youth homelessness. In addition to her work on the HDCF strategy, she developed corporate social responsibility strategies for John Deere Canada, Starbucks Canada and Hudson's Bay Company.

From 2015-2018, as the Deputy Chief Operating Officer at the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, she worked closely with the Homelessness Partnering Strategy to develop Canada's first nationally-coordinated homelessness enumeration method - over three years Jesse worked with all 61 of Canada's HPS Designated Communities to implement the methodology. As part of this work, she partnered with End Homelessness St. John's (EHSJ) and Choices for Youth in 2016 to pilot methods to more accurately enumerate youth experiencing homelessness, and in 2018 she partnered with EHSJ to enumerate homelessness in the correctionals.

In late 2018, Jesse undertook a new challenge as the Chief Operating Officer for SucSeed - a social enterprise based in St. John's. Splitting her time between Toronto and St. John's, she's enjoyed building a network of colleagues and friends in Newfoundland and Labrador.



Trevor Giles, CET, PMP, MBA, Projects Director, TechnipFMC Canada

A native of St. John's, NL, Trevor has over 25 years international experience in the Oil & Gas Industry. Currently, as Projects Director with TechnipFMC, Trevor is responsible for all subsea projects and operations in Eastern Canada.

Prior to this, Trevor held various Project Management and QHSES management positions on several major projects in Atlantic Canada, namely the White Rose, Terra Nova, and Hibernia Developments. Trevor has also held engineering positions with America Bureau of Shipping in Houston, TX, as well as with Newdock in St. John's, NL.

Trevor is also very active in the community having served as Board Director, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Board on several industry associations and charities, namely NOIA ('06-'15), CNIB ('08 - '17), and American Society of Quality (ASQ) NL chapter ('04 - '10). Trevor also received an honorary Centenary Award from the CNIB in 2018.

Trevor holds a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Edinburgh Napier University ('18), a Master's Certificate of Project Management from York University ('06), and is a graduate from the Marine Institute of Memorial University (Naval Architecture, '94). Trevor also holds the Project Management Professional (PMP®) from Project Management Institute (PMI), as well as Certified Engineering Technologist (CET), from the Association of Technicians and Technologists of Newfoundland and Labrador (ATTNL). Trevor resides in St. John's with his wife and two children.



Aisling Gogan, Director, Poverty Reduction, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Aisling leads the development and implementation of a Government-wide approach to prevent, reduce and alleviate poverty in Newfoundland and Labrador. During her 18 year career with Newfoundland and Labrador's public service, she has worked in a number of positions, including Cabinet Officer, Director of Career, Employment and Youth Services, Director of the Workforce Development Strategy and Director of Research and Planning with the Women's Policy Office.

Aisling is an active volunteer, a recipient of the Newfoundland and Labrador's Public Service Award for Excellence and an alumnus of the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference. Prior to joining

Newfoundland and Labrador's public service, Aisling worked as a self-employed social program evaluation consultant and taught Political Science at Memorial University.



Ann-Marie Johnson, Senior Development Officer, Service Canada

Ann-Marie is an advocate and activist in the field of community service and has been employed in that sector since the 1980s when she completed her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Memorial University.

Upon graduation, Ann-Marie worked with the group home program, initially as a Counsellor and later as a Coordinator, assisting persons with disabilities to move from segregated living in places such as Exon House into group home living within their home communities and then to more independent living arrangements. From there she moved to working as an Employment Counsellor assisting persons with disabilities overcome barriers to obtain and maintain employment.

Since 2000 she has worked with the Government of Canada in a number of roles including as an Employment Counsellor, a Program Officer and currently as a Senior Development Officer responsible for administering numerous agreements for programs in Atlantic Canada such as the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, the Youth Employment Strategy and the Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities.

Over the years, Ann-Marie has had the pleasure of working throughout the province including Bay Roberts, St. Anthony, Port aux Basques, Clarenville and St. John's. She has served as a volunteer with numerous organizations including Association for Community Living groups and Women's Advocacy organizations.



Marion Parady, Multi-faith and Community Social Activist

As an ordained minister and former Moderator of The United Church of Canada (2000-2003), Marion identifies a life-long commitment (since the age of 6) to global outreach and social justice. In her profession, she has worked in several provinces at the local, provincial and national levels and has travelled to several countries, with exposure to their social justice concerns.

In addition to numerous church communities as staff and leadership resource, Marion served as Board Member of Stella's Circle for 21 years, Advisor to Bridges to Hope Board for approximately 12 years, and member of the Finance Minister's Independent Tax Review Committee (2017-2018). A Director of the Religious Social Action Coalition since 2005, Marion currently is Coordinator for this multi-faith group of Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs, to eliminate poverty in our province and country through government advocacy and collaboration. She also is a member of the International Women's Forum.

Marion holds B.A., B.A. Honours and M.A. degrees from York University, Toronto and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Boston University. She is a recipient of honorary degrees from Memorial University of Newfoundland (Doctor of Laws) and Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax (Doctor of Divinity). She also was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal (2013), Eleos Award of the Canadian Council of Churches (2013) and named Honourary Member of the St. John's and Area Council of Churches and Gower Community Band, and Minister Emeritus, Gower Street United Church.

Marion's commitment and passion is working with all persons who seek a common vision of peace and justice and the integrity of creation.



Shawn Skinner, Past-Chair, P. Mgr., C.Mgr., ICD.D, Training Director, Carpenter Millwright College (United Brotherhood of Carpenters).

Shawn has been a lifelong community volunteer and has served End Homelessness St. John's as Chair since 2012. He continues to remain an active volunteer and has been a long-time Board member with the St. John's Boys and Girls Club, the Royal St. John's Regatta Committee, and many other community-based organizations. He is also an Honorary President and Honorary Life Member of the Benevolent Irish Society.

Shawn was elected twice as a Member of the House of Assembly for St. John's Centre, serving from 2003-2011. He served the people of the Province as the Minister of Natural Resources; Minister of Innovation Trade and Rural Development; Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment and was also Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier. He has also served the people of St. John's as a City Councillor from 1993-1997.

In the private sector, Shawn has owned and operated his own businesses for more than 35 years.

Shawn is a graduate of the Computer Studies Program at the College of Trades and Technology; he has a Certificate in Adult Education from St. Francis Xavier University and he has received his Professional Manager (P. Mgr.) and Chartered Manager (C.Mgr.) designation from the Canadian Institute of Management as well as having completed the Institute of Corporate Directors Program in 2017.

He and his wife, Judy, are the proud parents of 3 adult children and have 5 grandchildren.



JUDY TOBIN, Manager, Non Profit Housing, Community Services Department, City of St. John's / jtobin@stjohns.ca (709) 576-8317

Judy has worked in community service fields serving youth and adults since the early 1990s. When she completed her post-secondary education in 1993 she began working at Emmanuel House, a program of Stella's Circle. She held several front line positions within Stella's Circle over 18 years. One of these positions was Tenant Relations Officer, in which she worked closely with a team of people who helped find and secure housing for mental health consumers. Prior to the creation of the Housing Resource Team at Stella's Circle, Judy was a hands-on housing resource for Stella's Circle clients. Working there enriched her knowledge and experience of working with a diverse, marginalized and vulnerable population. Working in

the community, she became familiar with navigating systems, while collaborating with many community partners and groups in St. John's.

In 2012 Judy accepted a position with the City of St Johns as Senior Housing Officer in the City's Non Profit Housing Division. During this time, the City of St John's became the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Entity (CE) for St. John's, providing community development, coordination and administrative services for End Homelessness St. John's. Judy oversees the City's CE agreement with Service Canada, in collaboration with End Homelessness St. John's. In 2013 when the City's internal departments realigned, Non Profit Housing joined the Community Services Department. Judy's position then became Manager of Housing and this division then assumed the additional responsibility of the City's Affordable Housing Strategy.