
BELONGING: EXPLORING CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY

- **Be part of the discussion with our kitchen table conversation workbook**

May 30, 2017– Stratford, ON – Whether from a different country, city, business, school or community, we have all been newcomers at least once in our lives and can understand the isolation it can bring. On June 9th the [Stratford Perth Community Foundation](http://spccf.ca) is partnering with several local organizations to host the inaugural Stratford Perth **Vital Conversation** about sense of belonging in our community.

A Vital Conversation is a facilitated discussion with community members to learn more about the social, economic and natural/built environmental trends impacting local quality of life – to help build momentum and engage our community towards action.

The event organizers chose ‘sense of belonging’ as the topic for the first conversation because it is a fundamental human need – just like food or shelter – and is essential to our sense of happiness and well-being. Featured will be keynote speaker Brock Hart of Overlap, a diverse panel of local residents discussing belonging and attendees will participate in small group discussions.

Those who aren’t able to attend the event on June 9th are still able to participate in the conversation by completing a Vital Conversation Kitchen Table workbook (attached). Copies can be downloaded at <http://spccf.ca/vitalconversations> or picked up at the Community Foundation office at 55 Lorne Avenue East, Stratford.

Other Vital Conversations partners include: University of Waterloo’s [Community, Health, Environment, Communications \(CHEC\) Initiative](#), [Stratford Perth YMCA](#), [Stratford Public Library](#), [University of Waterloo Stratford Campus](#), [United Way Perth-Huron](#), [Choices for Change](#), [Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs \(OMAFRA\)](#) and [Facile Perth](#).

Date: June 9, 2017

Venue: University of Waterloo, Stratford Campus

Time: 8:30 am – noon

Spaces: limited spots still available

Click [HERE](#) to register or call 519-271-1503

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About the [Stratford Perth Community Foundation](http://spccf.ca)

The Stratford Perth Community Foundation (SPCF) is an organization for everyone; and unique because donations, large or small, are never spent but are combined and invested. The earned income is used to make grants to local charities year after year to build a vibrant not-for-profit sector in Stratford, St. Marys and Perth County. To make all this work, we share our unique understanding of community needs and help mobilize and guide donors to specific community initiatives. For more information about SPCF please visit www.spccf.ca

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