



Community Viewpoints

Community Workshop - Charlottetown, PEI - March 14, 2023

20 participants

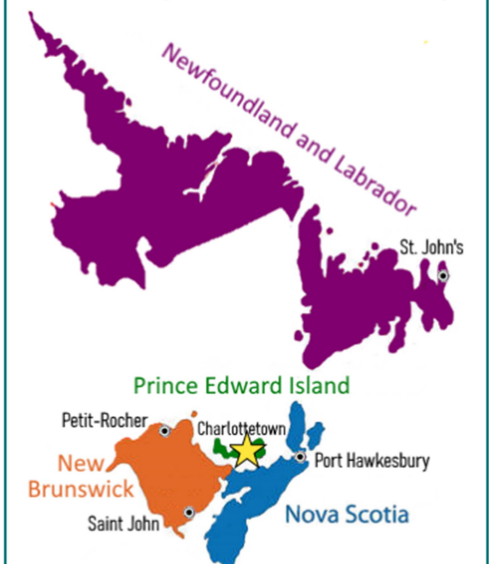
10% fully bilingual

75% prior knowledge of ASI's work

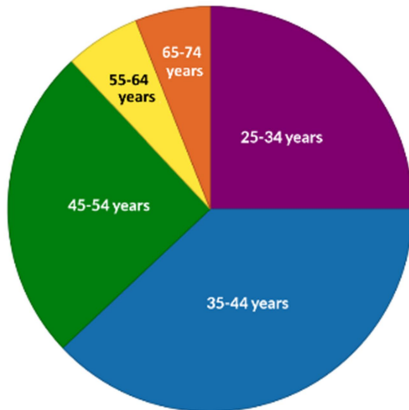


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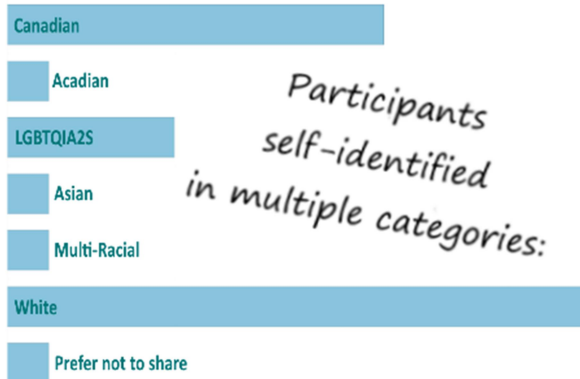
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The Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities (ASI) is a bilingual, not-for-profit organization with a mission to serve as a catalyst for social change, ultimately resulting in more inclusive and equitable Atlantic Canadian communities.

The workshops introduced participants to the ASI policy brief, 'Upstream Investment – Placing child and youth mental health promotion at the forefront' and gave an opportunity to explore initiatives happening in their community and innovative models from other regions.



What participants had to say...

Charlottetown, PEI

Quotes:

"There are some roles that will always be downstream; so, it's encouraging to hear that hopefully there will be less and less people downstream, because we're pretty overwhelmed (working downstream) right now."

"In the end, we have to sit down and talk – getting together and communication is really important."

"Work on intentionally creating more meetings/opportunities, like this, where we can talk about [these issues]."

Regarding definitions of community:

"There's an unwillingness to invest in people that we don't see as our people – racism is a barrier."

"Upstream is alive and well; we might not have used the word upstream – but that's what we're doing."

Common Themes:

Importance of having accessible and supportive spaces for organized, facilitated, intergenerational and intercultural events promoting sharing between community members and organizations.

...and Barriers:

Downstream focus and a lack of understanding of what upstream initiatives are.

Lack of access to support and resources: (space, culturally specificity, transportation, technology, etc.)

Lack of: sharing and communication, continuity and/or motivation, effective community leadership, and long-term sustainable funding.

Organizations consumed with busy work, working in silos.

Considerations Going Forward:

Transformative change will require leaders at all levels to undertake fundamental changes in the way we connect, share, do work together, and care for one another.

Policy change at federal and provincial levels must extend beyond short-term projects and elected officials' terms in government.



Commitments to Action:

Stay connected and build relationships with people met at the workshop. Be part of the conversation, "working in our business, not on our business." Look at who's missing in the room today, then work to have all voices heard.

