**Bringing International Human Rights Home: Global Strategies and Local Realities
Public Forum on the UN Human Rights Treaty Process,**

**Food Security, and Social Justice Advocacy**

**October 4, 2012 9:30-4:30
Room 304, Shulich School of Law, Dalhousie University**

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions of a day-long colloquium on human rights treaties and social justice advocacy. The morning sessions will feature experts who have worked directly with the UN treaty system in drafting reports to treaty bodies regarding Canada’s performance on specific social justice issues: food, health, housing, and access to justice. The afternoon sessions will feature experts in the field of food security in Nova Scotia who have worked within the field, conducting research and documenting food security issues. Oriented to students and to non-government organizations that are interested in using human rights claims to advance specific social justice issues on behalf of marginalized groups in Nova Scotia, the afternoon sessions will be followed by discussion on the practical strategies to engage human rights mechanisms and processes.

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*Speakers and Sessions*

**9:30-11:00**

Vince Calderhead, Senior Staff Counsel, Nova Scotia Legal Aid

*Human Right: From Concept to Practice*

Leilani Farha, Executive Director, Canada Without Poverty
*International Law and Housing Rights*

**11:15-12:30**

Kim Pate, Executive Director, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies

*Women’s Rights and Repressive Canadian Policy*

Bruce Porter, Executive Director, Social Rights Advocacy Centre

*Advancing the Right to Food and the Right to Health*

***12:30 – 1:30 Lunch (light lunch provided)***

**1:30-2:15**

Lynn Langille, Coordinator, Health Disparities, Department of Health and Wellness, Nova Scotia Government
*Food Insecurity in Nova Scotia: What We Know and What We Hope to Change*

Debra Reimer, Executive Director, Kids Action Program

Being food insecure: Lived experiences and Common Misconceptions

**2:30-3:15**

Wendy Knowlton, Executive Director of the Annapolis County Family Resource Centre and Chair of the Annapolis Valley Poverty Coalition
*Rural Food Insecurity Nova Scotia*

Claire McNeil,Dalhousie Legal Aid Services
*Legal Strategies and Income Assistance Policies*

**3:30-4:30: Colloquium on International Human Rights Strategies for advancing food security:**

4:30: Reception