

Arctic Bay, Hall Beach, Pangnirtung and Iqaluit have held **community dialogue workshops**.

More community dialogue workshops will take place over the next week in Baker Lake, Kimmirut, Clyde River, Sanikiluaq and Iqaluit.

Focus groups are taking place in Arviat, Pond Inlet and Iqaluit, and youth groups are meeting to discuss poverty in Gjoa Haven, Rankin Inlet, Iqaluit and Pangnirtung.

Congratulations to the community facilitators for their hard work and dedication. You're making sure your community voice is heard!

Call your hamlet office for details about activities taking place in your community.

Our "Circles of Support" - Who Can Help with Dialogue in your Community?

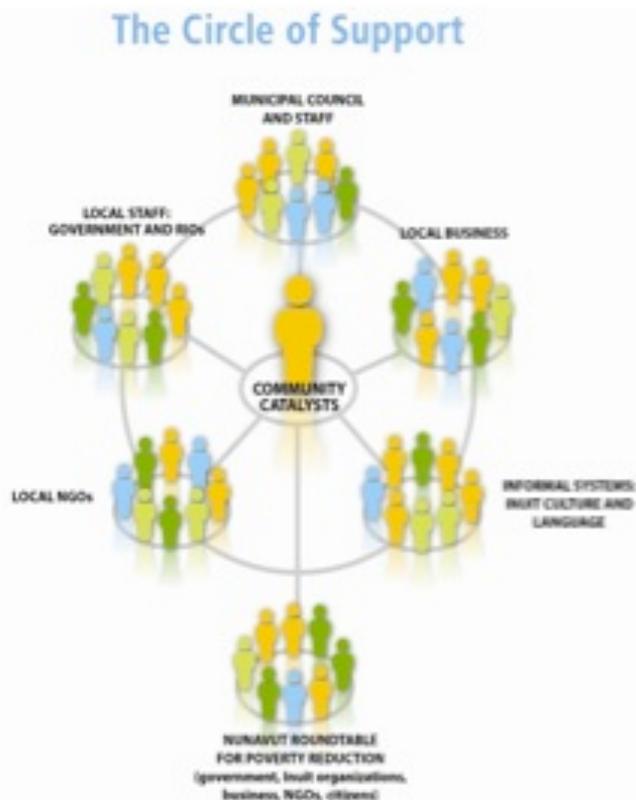
Facilitating dialogue takes courage and hard work. But, community facilitators are not alone!

Support is available from other individuals and organizations in the community. Together, these individuals and organizations make a strong "circle of support" in each community. Perhaps one of the best contributions that a community facilitator can make is to bring such a circle of support together.

The Nunavut Roundtable for Poverty Reduction can support you to make connections with:

- Community groups
- Municipal council and staff
- Local GN staff
- Regional Inuit organizations' staff
- Local businesses
- Local non-governmental organizations
- Other concerned community members

Let's strengthen our relationships with each other as community members. Let's strengthen the connections between organizations. This will help us to pool our resources, think more creatively and move forward together. *Together*, we are capable of achieving our shared goals.



Elders' Workshop for Poverty Reduction Held in Iqaluit

On March 15, Kataisee Attagutsiak facilitated a dialogue about poverty reduction at the Iqaluit Elders' Qammaq. Many thanks to Kataisee for volunteering her time. Also, many thanks to those who participated in the workshop, listening and sharing with openness and patience. And, thank you to the City for helping us organize this event.



Many participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to speak on the challenges of poverty. Participants talked about the ways in which poverty affects their lives, especially indirectly as they

support children and grandchildren through poverty-related challenges. Participants also talked about the strength that we must find within ourselves.

Detailed notes and transcriptions from this workshop are on their way. Watch for them in our next newsletter.

CBC: "Roundtable Meetings Discuss Community Hunts as a Way to Alleviate Hunger"

March 18, 2011, CBC Radio One

Roundtable meetings discuss community hunts as a way to alleviate hunger

The Nunavut Roundtable for Poverty Reduction is holding meetings this winter. The participants have been discussing ways to alleviate hunger in the territory. But as Marius Tungilik found out, one community is already taking action.

Elders in Iqaluit met this week to discuss poverty reduction. Kataisee Attagutsiak led the discussions. She says one idea is to organize hunts to bring food to those who are unable to get out on the land. She says: "If they organized hunts and got the youth to hunt at the same time and gave the meat to those who are in need, is that something you would like to see?" (translation as aired)

This idea was also brought up at the public meeting in Arctic Bay last week. One community in Nunavut is already doing it. This month alone two community organized hunts took place in Repulse Bay. The first was sponsored by the Embrace Life Council.

The second took place this week. Alexina Nanordluk is the Chair of the local justice committee. The committee paid for eight hunters to provide caribou to those in need.

She says: "This is what we do in Repulse Bay. It always feels really good, and it will feel good when the people we sponsored to hunt distribute the caribou to the elders today." In addition to the many feasts held in Repulse Bay, residents share country food freely with others. Nanordluk says she was pleasantly surprised yesterday when a fisherman gave Arctic char to all of the elders.

Meet the Nunavut Roundtable for Poverty Reduction - Anna Ziegler



I am supporting the Roundtable on behalf of the [Nunavut Literacy Council](#) (NLC), where I work in educational resource development. The NLC is an independent, not-for-profit community organization based in Cambridge Bay. Prior to starting my job with the NLC last fall, I worked as an instructor and program coordinator at [Nunavut Arctic College](#) for seven years (with a few other adventures sprinkled in!).

My main role with the Roundtable so far has been to develop a workshop to support dialogue about poverty reduction and community development. This has involved collaborating with community facilitators from across Nunavut and creating the *Makiliqta Community Dialogue Toolkit*. The workshop and toolkit are built from the insights and labours of many Nunavummiut, including members of the Roundtable, and also [the PLAR Project](#) at Nunavut Arctic College and the various ongoing community projects of the Nunavut Literacy Council.

Why am I supporting the Roundtable? One reason is that I believe that change happens when we strengthen our connections with each other and work together. I fully support the open dialogue process of the Roundtable and I am grateful to have been a part of the many conversations that have happened so far. We are inviting each other to rise up--to identify our collective strengths and to work together for the changes that we envision.

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