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Abstract

Using a social determinants of health approach we seek to creatively explore policy and programme strategies and avenues for working for racial equity and racial justice as well as to build community based capacity to address racism, the growing racialization of poverty and the resulting ever-increasing levels of social exclusion and marginalization as experienced by racialized communities in Canada.

Summary

For members of racialized communities – Aboriginal as well as communities of colour – their respective ethno-racial identities are key to understanding their experiences of disparity and social exclusion in Canada – and to understanding why they are far more likely to live in poverty than non-racialized members of our society.

The socio-economic gaps in Canada are widening generally, but what is much less well understood is that the impact of this growing gulf is being much more profoundly felt by racialized group members – who make up over 80 % of all newcomers to Canada. The increasing “racialization” of all the major social and economic indicators can be gleaned not only from the statistics on income and wealth, but also from any one of a number of different measures – such as inequalities with respect to health status as well as learning outcomes (eg. higher “push out” or drop out rates among racialized learners), the re-emergence of racialized residential enclaves and the increasing rate of incidence and ethno-racial differentials with respect to targeted policing. The growing social and economic exclusion of racialized group members has led to what some social scientists have described as the racialization of poverty. In the words of Prof. Grace-Edward Galabuzi of Ryerson University, we’re creating an “economic apartheid” in Canada, and the trend will continue until and unless action is taken to address and redress the underlying structural and systemic inequities.

In the workshop we seek to creatively explore multi-dimensional policy and programme strategies and avenues for working for racial equity and racial justice as well as to build community based capacity to address racism, the growing racialization of poverty and the resulting ever-increasing levels of social exclusion and marginalization of racialized communities.