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**(Host organization) Hosts Suicide Prevention Community Meeting: #308conversations**

CITY, DATE – (Name) Organization will host a community conversation about suicide prevention at (building location), (date). This community meeting is part of the **308 Conversations** initiative launched by the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC), and is designed to gather valuable insight and ideas surrounding suicide prevention across Canada. Community meetings or “conversations” will be hosted by organizations across Canada.

“**308 Conversations** is about bringing interested community members, associations and stakeholders together to share what’s working, where the gaps are when it comes to suicide prevention and what each of us can do to help,” said (host organization). “We all have a role to play.”

Between May 2014 and May 2015, organizations from across Canada will invite local experts, service providers, healthcare providers, local police, teachers, social workers, service clubs, survivors, faith-based community leaders/groups, military, veterans and community leadership, as well as interested citizens to discuss suicide prevention.

“**308 Conversations** is designed to gather valuable insight and ideas surrounding suicide prevention across Canada, with the goal of sharing the best ideas, and working together to create lasting solutions that will serve our communities,” said Louise Bradley, CEO of the MHCC. “The Mental Health Commission of Canada will gather the results of these meetings to produce a working community model that can be shared as a resource for communities across Canada. At the same time, Canadians will also learn new information on the actions and initiatives taking place in their own communities.”

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Place:** (building, room)

For more information on 308conversations, please visit:

[*www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/308conversations*](http://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca/308conversations)*.* Follow the conversation on Twitter

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**Note to Media:**

Media are welcome to attend the meeting, however, for privacy reasons, no recording devices will be permitted inside the meeting. On-the-record interviews should take place prior to, or following the meetings.

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