



**Fighting Poverty and Pollution:
The 2005 Low-Income Energy Network Conference**
Quaker Friends House, 60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto
April 7, 2005

Agenda

- 8:30 Doors open / registration / coffee and muffins**
- 9:00 Welcome and introduction to the day**
- 9:05 Greetings from provincial representative** (Donna Cansfield. Member of Provincial Parliament and leader of the province's Conservation Action Team)
- 9:15 Affordable and Efficient: Reducing Energy Bills and Pollution** (Bruce Pearce, Green Communities Association)
- See Backgrounder on LIEN web-site: *Affordable and Efficient: Towards a National Energy Efficiency Strategy for Low-Income Canadians*
- 9:45 Energy Poverty in Ontario** (Mary Todorow, Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario)
- Intro to connections between energy bills, poverty and affordable housing in Ontario
- 10:00 What's been done so far: the Low Income Energy Network**
- LIEN origins, principles and proposals (Theresa McClenaghan, Canadian Environmental Law Association)
- 10:15 Plenary discussion on first three presentations**
- 10: 45 Break**
- 11:00 What's new: Government Initiatives**
- New electricity system, new pricing structure, local utility conservation programs & where/how to have input (Keith Stewart, Toronto Environmental Alliance)
 - Which local utilities have low-income programs (Stephen McComb, Ontario Energy Board)
 - Sub-metering, the Tenant Protection Act and energy issues (Julia McNally, Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario)
- 11:40 Emergency energy funds in Ontario** (Edward de Gale, Share the Warmth)
- 12:00 Lunch (provided on-site) and Networking Time**
- 1:00 Building a Relationship with your Local Utility**
- Role of local distribution companies in new system and how to work with them (Joyce McLean, Toronto Hydro)
 - Role of gas companies (Erika Lontoc, Enbridge Gas)
- 1:30 Where Should our Power Come From?**
- Conservation and green power potential (Mark Winfield, Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development)
 - Public versus private (Paul Kahnert, Ontario Electricity Coalition)
- 2:15 Break**
- 2:30 Where Do We Want To Go And How Do We Get There?** (led by Michael Shapcott, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee)
- Review of LIEN mission statement
 - Set priorities for 2005 and discuss what LIEN members want out of this network?
 - Election of LIEN Steering Committee

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