

## **SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Delina MacDonald**

Delina is a zealous advocate for those in poverty and has been the co-chair of poverty reduction Kingston health group for the last 2 years. She currently lives in poverty and has over 6 months experience living without utilities due to an inability to pay a growing bill. Delina is passionate about sharing her experiences and the connection between poverty and mental wellness. She hopes her voice can be planted deep like a seed in the minds of decision-makers, slowly germinating and altering perceptions around the subject of poverty and those living in its resilient grasp.

### **Erika Lontoc**

Erika Lontoc is Manager for Residential and New Construction Marketing for Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., a leading North American natural gas utility serving 2 million customers in the Province of Ontario. In this capacity, Erika and her team are responsible for the development of energy efficiency and customer growth marketing initiatives for the Company's residential, new construction and low income customers. She re-joined Enbridge in 2008 after two years at the Ontario Power Authority where she led OPA's low income and multiresidential conservation and energy efficiency programming efforts. Erika is the Past President and current Board Member of the Association of Energy Services Professionals, Ontario Chapter. She also served as a volunteer member for the Markham Environmental Advisory Council. Prior to joining the energy sector, Erika was a Bay Street banker specializing in asset based financing and lease/loan syndication.

### **Kai Millyard**

Kai Millyard has been doing energy audits and retrofits on houses for over 20 years. As a consultant and staff support to Green Communities Canada he has been training and supporting energy auditors across Canada for almost as long. Kai has designed many of the government and utility programs that help homeowners get the most bang for their buck.

### **Keith Stewart**

Keith Stewart was a founding member of the Low-Income Energy Network. He has worked for the last fifteen years as an energy policy analyst and advocate for various non-profit groups, including the Toronto Environmental Alliance and World Wildlife Fund. He currently manages Greenpeace Canada's climate and energy campaign, where he works on promoting socially just and environmentally sustainable alternatives to the tar sands. He teaches a course on energy policy and the environment at the University of Toronto, and is the author of numerous articles, reports and op eds on climate change policy and politics.

### **Jen Atkinson**

Jen, a graduate of Sir Sandford Fleming's Ecosystem Management Program has been with Windfall Ecology Centre for 10 years and was named Windfall's Director of Operations in June 2008. During this time she has been responsible for the development and delivery of Windfall's innovative programs including solar and energy assessments, low income and First Nations energy retrofits, groundwater protection and energy conservation programs, Green Leaders education workshops and youth development.

With over fifteen years' experience working in the environmental sector, Jen is an accomplished field technician and educator with extensive knowledge in groundwater studies, energy conservation, sustainability design and program development.

**Jennefer Laidley**

Jennefer is Research and Policy Analyst at the Income Security Advocacy Centre, a specialty community legal clinic mandated to advocate for improvements to the income security of people in Ontario. ISAC was a founding member of LIEN. A major part of Jennefer's work over the past several years has focused on the provincial government's social assistance review, which ended in October 2012, and moving the process of social assistance reform forward since then. She is a member of the steering committees of Ontario Campaign 2000 and the 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction and serves on the Board of Directors of Canadians for Tax Fairness. Jennefer spends far too much time following municipal, provincial, and federal policy and politics, and ranting about them on social media. She is very much looking forward to the first day of 2014 when she no longer has to wear socks.

**Jennifer Cittadini**

Jennifer Cittadini is a Senior Program Analyst for Residential and New Construction Marketing at Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc., a leading North American natural gas utility serving two million customers in the Province of Ontario. Jennifer studied Environmental Health at Ryerson University. She joined Enbridge in 1996 and has worked in various areas within the corporation. Jennifer joined marketing in 2006 and since then has been working on energy efficiency and customer growth programs. In late 2012, Jennifer assumed responsibility for developing and delivering the Low Income Home Weatherization Program.

**Jennifer Lopinski**

Jennifer Lopinski is the Program Administrator for an energy program called the Emergency Home Energy & Resource program at A Place Called Home (APCH) and has been providing support and assistance to families in crisis for the past 10 years. APCH is a not-for-profit organization that strives to reduce homelessness in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County by providing a number of homelessness prevention programs. Jennifer is a Low Income Energy Network (LIEN) Steering Committee member and also sits on their legal subcommittee as well. She also sits on the City of Kawartha Lakes Poverty Reduction Network and is the Vice Chair for the Access to Permanent Housing Association in her community. Lastly, Jennifer sits on the Ontario Energy Board's Financial Assistance Working Group for the LEAP Program, helping to design the program and continues to monitor and provide input on an ongoing basis. On her days off, Jennifer can be found in her garden, nurturing and talking to her flowers.

**Lenore Robson**

Lenore Robson is a Policy Advisor within Consumer Services at the Ontario Energy Board. Her role focuses on engaging with customers and creating consumer-centric policies. She is responsible for energy issues affecting low-income consumers and leads the Board's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP). Since joining the Board in 2006, Lenore has held positions in Electricity Rates, Licensing and Regulatory Policy. Prior to this Lenore worked in Standards & Policies and Regulatory Affairs at Hydro One Networks Inc. Lenore holds a Master's degree in Political Science and an MBA in International Business from Wilfrid Laurier University. She is also a Chartered Public Accountant and Certified Management Accountant. A passionate wanderluster, Lenore recently returned to the Board after an eight-month Around the World Adventure with her husband.

**Mary Todorow**

Mary Todorow is a research/policy analyst with the Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario (ACTO), a specialty legal clinic funded by Legal Aid Ontario. ACTO serves province-wide to improve the housing situation of Ontario's low-income residents (including tenants, co-op members and the homeless) by engaging in test case litigation and law reform. ACTO is one of the founding members of the Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN) and is represented on LIEN's steering committee. Prior to joining ACTO, Mary was a policy officer with the Municipal Electric Association (now the Electricity Distributors Association). She has also been an advocate in the non-profit co-operative housing sector, and worked at Queen's Park for over 20 years in a variety of positions both in opposition and for government. When not advocating for more affordable housing, Mary takes classes to refresh her Italian language skills and is always on the lookout for new cooking classes to attend.

**Priyanka Gupta**

Priyanka is the Program Manager for Low-Income DSM Marketing with Union Gas. Union's Low-Income DSM Marketing is committed to offer programs that reduce the energy burden of Union's low income customer base and develop the breadth & depth of offerings to minimize the burden that these customers face in participating in energy conservation programs. Outside of her role as the Program Manager, Priyanka loves to travel with family and friends, and spend time with her 18 month old daughter.

**Theresa McClenaghan**

Theresa McClenaghan is the Executive Director and Counsel with the Canadian Environmental Law Association, a position she has held since 2007. She holds an LL.B. from Western and an LL.M. in constitutional law from Osgoode as well as a diploma in Environmental Health from McMaster. She was called to the Bars of Manitoba and Ontario. Focusing on environmental health and environmental safety, particularly in the areas of energy and water, Theresa has practiced public interest environmental law for over twenty-five years both in private practice and then at CELA. In 2006-07, Theresa was senior water policy advisor to the Ontario Minister of the Environment where she was responsible for overseeing the passage of the Clean Water Act, and implementation of the remaining Walkerton Inquiry recommendations. She has represented clients at the Supreme Court of Canada, Federal Court of Appeal and Trial Division and the Ontario Court of Appeal on a range of matters. Theresa was a member of LIEN's steering committee from its inception and is actively engaged with LIEN in advocating for a low-income rate affordability program. She has two sons attending Western, and lives in Paris, Ontario with her husband and two daughters.

**Zee Bhanji**

Zee has been the Coordinator of the Low-Income Energy Network (LIEN) for the past 8 years. She has a B.A. from McGill University and an M.A. from Dalhousie University. Before she became involved in energy and environmental issues, Zee coordinated research projects in the areas of equity, youth and women. She has also worked in Kenya doing community development work and research in poverty and health. In her spare time, Zee is an avid reader, amateur cook, and ardent musical theatre lover.