

FACILITATOR'S DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR AAA VIDEO

"IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CHANGE THE WORLD"

The Video – developed in York Region for use by all individuals and groups advocating for positive change in the realm of inadequate income, food security and poverty.

Introduction to the Tool Kit available to assist Advocates in taking action.

Questions:

- a.) Were you aware of the extent of poverty in York Region?
- b.) What were your first impressions or reactions after viewing the video?
- c.) Was there anything that you questioned or that seemed unbelievable to you?
- d.) Before watching the video did you know anyone living in poverty? Since watching it, has your view of anything related to poverty of the people in your circle who may be living close to or in poverty, changed and HOW?
- e.) Why is it important to put this struggle into historical context?
- f.) Do you agree that it's not too late or do you think that it is?
- g.) Before you came to watch the video, did you have ideas as to how you might take action on poverty in your community, city, region, province or country?
- h.) Do you think individual efforts can make a difference towards eradicating poverty?
- i.) Who do you think are your allies in this effort?
- j.) Who do you think are your enemies or put in a nicer way, who do you think would challenge you and put up a barrier to addressing poverty?

Review the Suggested Actions in the Video highlighted towards the end.

What suggested actions do you think you could take after leaving here today, to further the implementation of the \$100 Healthy Food Supplement for all adults on social assistance in Ontario?

What actions can you think of that aren't on the video list?

Who would you want to work with to accomplish your goals? Are any of those people in this room right now?

Action right now:

Break out into small groups, take one action and discuss it. Each group come up with a second action that you think you can execute upon leaving here today, either individually or as a group. Would this be an action the small group would plan to carry out or one you want to invite the entire gathering here today, to participate in?

Options for Taking Further Action:

***** Resources available on hand at the presentation***

- a.) Signing a Commitment – or Challenge Contract with the Group **
- b.) Completing the Endorsement Sheet for the Healthy Food Supplement **
- c.) Participating in Advocacy Training – Talk to the facilitator of this session
 - Learning how to share the information, engage others and respond to difficult or challenging questions being posed to you about the issues.
- d.) Doing a presentation to another group
- e.) Complete the Brainstorming Advocacy/Actions Exercise Sheet and take it with you **