



ReThink consultation hits home stretch

Ken Greenberg, a consultant and Toronto's former director of urban design and architecture, talks Wednesday at Wolf Performance Hall as the city gathers the last pieces of public input for its ReThink London discussion papers. The papers, available at rethinklondon.ca, have been released over the past several weeks, providing a glimpse into the way city planners are headed as they create a road map for the next 25 years. ReThink, launched last year, has seen more than 10,000 people involved, submitting ideas and feedback, officials said Wednesday.

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Western researcher tackling immigration

Innovation. Project to figure out which newcomer programs are working and why

A Western University researcher is about to play a big role in the way immigrants are integrated into Canada.

Thanks to a grant from the Canada Foundation of Innovation, Victoria Esses plans to evaluate a slew of programs aimed at helping newcomers and develop new ones that will make immigration easier.

There are a lot of initiatives on the market that promote everything from inclu-

sion to setting immigrants up with housing.

The problem, Esses said, is there's been very little focus on the programs' success rates.

"There hasn't been a lot of analysis to determine why a program is No. 1," she said. "We want to know what makes it work — is it the staff, is it the way the program is implemented, or is it the interaction between the program and the community?"

"We want to find the crucial ingredient."

Esses — a psychology professor and director of Western's Centre for Research on Migration and Ethnic Relations — will work hand-in-

hand with Bipasha Baruah, whose research will look specifically at issues related to gender and international development.

Combined, the pair received \$181,474 from the innovation foundation to help launch what's been dubbed the Migration, Gender and International Development Laboratory.

Baruah's work will focus on empowering women with a specific eye toward issues related to gender and property ownership, along with women working in the green economy.

She plans to build and maintain a database tied to the topics.

Funding in total

- Six Western University projects received a combined \$1.1 million from the Canada Foundation of Innovation, it was announced Wednesday.
- Other projects include those focused on health and science.

Baruah is a professor in the university's department of women's studies and feminist research. She's also the Canada research chair in global women's issues.

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Celebration. Shelter for abused women, children marks milestone

Women's Community House is marking its 35th anniversary in grand style.

Among other things, the shelter for abused women and their children is launching a Stories of Change project, capturing tales of success and empowerment.

The anniversary kicked off Wednesday with events continuing through October, when a community tea is planned to honour the

"founding mothers."

Starting with only a handful of beds, the non-profit now operates two shelters with 67 beds, runs a social-enterprise storey and maintains 25 apartments for women who need intermediate support.

The organization helps about 6,000 women each year.

For a look at scheduled events, visit shelterlondon.org. **METRO**

Crime

Tips sought in armed robbery

London police are looking for three men in a March 30 knife-point robbery.

The trio got off an Adelaide Street bus at Dundas at about 10:30 p.m. and approached two other men, demanding cash and cellphones. One victim handed over a phone, while the other refused and was punched in the face.

Anyone with information is asked to call police or Crime Stoppers. **METRO**

Elgin Road. SUV driver injured after collision with tractor trailer

A man received serious injuries Wednesday in a two-vehicle crash on Elgin Road between Dundas Street and Gore Road, police said.

Provincial police were called to the scene at about 7 a.m., after a collision between an SUV and a tractor trailer.

The SUV driver was taken to hospital by air ambulance with serious injuries.

The cause of the collision

Donate

Food drive kicking hunger to the curb

Londoners will have a chance to make a difference in the next week — and they won't even have to leave their front yard.

The London Cares Curbside Food Drive starts Friday and continues through June 15. People can make a donation by putting non-perishable food in bags, tying them up with a ribbon and leaving them on the curb next to their recycling box.

From there, Miller Waste and volunteers will do all the rest, gathering the donations and taking them to the London Food Bank.

Donations can also be made at area grocery stores and Tim Hortons restaurants. Curbside donation days for all zones have been marked on the city's garbage-collection calendar.

The donations will help the food bank get through the summer.

"People have to remember that hunger doesn't take a summer holiday," said Jane Roy, co-executive director of the food bank.

Last year, the curbside drive generated donations that weighed in at 68,600 pounds.

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is being investigated.
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