

Research to Practice Forum

Community Food Action, Addressing Food Security in British Columbia, Canada.



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This Forum is an opportunity to learn how research can inform policy to promote food security and a sustainable food system in British Columbia (BC), Canada. The speaker is Associate Professor, Aleck Ostry.

Dr Ostry currently holds a Canada Research Chair in the Social Determinants of Community Health and is a Senior Scholar with the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and Associate Professor at the University of Victoria, BC, Canada. He holds Masters degrees in History and Health Services Planning and a Ph.D. in Epidemiology and has published a book titled *Nutrition Policy in Canada, 1870-1939, UBC Press, 2006*.

Dr Ostry specialises in population health and the social determinants of health and has an active research program on food and nutrition policy. Currently, Dr Ostry advises BCs Regional Health Authorities on ways to work with communities to evaluate food security projects in relation to their potential impact on health.

He is initiating a comparative food security and nutrition policy investigation with researchers in Australia as part of his ongoing program of research on public health nutrition. He also investigates the determinants of Canadians' diet and has partnered with the Ministries of Education and Health to survey all BC schools to assess the extent of "junk food" food sales and nutrition policy development in the education system. At present he is working with Department of Agriculture to map agricultural activity in the province in order to promote links between sustainable food production and health eating.

Registration: (Fee Free) RSVP by Thursday 7 February 2008.

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DATE

Thursday 14 February 2008

TIME

9:30am- 11 am.

REGISTRATION FEE- Free

Places are limited; RSVP must be received by Thursday 7 February 2008

VENUE

VicHealth
Ground Floor
15 – 31 Pelham Street, Carlton South
Melway Ref: 2B, F9

PARKING & TRANSPORT

- VicHealth is close to the Rathdowne Street corner of Pelham Street.
- The venue is accessible by public transport: a short walk from Parliament Station and via Carlton Gardens or tram along Swanston Street from Melbourne Central, buses along Rathdowne, Lygon & Nicholson Streets.
- Disability access and bike parking access is via the side gate on Pelham Street.
- Parking around VicHealth is limited to one and two hour meter street parking or use the Museum car park.

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