

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION CORPORATION (ESIC) Facilitator's info sheet for Community Dialogues

GENERAL INFORMATION

- We are here to talk about poverty reduction and other potential actions
- All 4 sectors have a role to play: Citizens, Non-Profit Organizations, Businesses and Government
- Get participants to think about the role of each sector to address poverty reduction

INFORMATION ON THE QUESTIONS

It's about what we can do together, that will have the biggest impact in reducing poverty.

To revive the discussion: Ask a question like "What does it mean to "be poor"? "What could we do to help that person or family?"

It's important to get participants to think about what they can do, as well as what the other community partners could do.

To revive the discussion:

- If they say that everything is already being done, take note of it and encourage them to continue. It is important to link this question with poverty, and to what else can be done
- Question participants about what actions/things enable and improve quality of life, and ask them who supports these activities. Why are some people left out and why are some included?

WHAT IS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION?

Inclusion is a term that is familiar to most people in their everyday lives. We feel included, or excluded, from family, neighbourhood, or community activities. Those who are excluded, whether because of poverty, disability, or lack of education, do not have the opportunity for full participation in society. Economic and social inclusion in New Brunswick refers to a concept where all New Brunswickers should be included as full citizens through opportunities for employment, personal development and community engagement.

HERE'S HOW WE CAN HAVE FUN, AND CHANGE OUR PROVINCE!

1. Respect all points of view
2. Listen openly and carefully to others
3. Suspend judgment - there are no 'wrong' opinions
4. Express disagreement with ideas, not personalities
5. Work together