



Freedom 90 commits to raising its voice to demand an end to poverty and an end to the need for food banks and emergency meal programs in Ontario.

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Freedom90 - Yvonne Kelly - Editorial

Political Advocacy or Political Etiquette? You Decide ...

I recently attended a meeting of the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition to consider strategy on how to get government action on poverty in Ontario.

We heard presentations from two very different politicians ... invited to give strategic advice from their own experience that would inform our advocacy efforts to reduce poverty in Ontario.



[Click here to read the full editorial on the Freedom 90 website](#)

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Diocese of Toronto - Anglican Church of Canada

Social Justice and Advocacy: What's new

What's the reality of poverty in Ontario, and how can we respond as people of faith? Find some answers in Turning the Tide: From Charity to Advocacy in Ontario, our new 18-minute video, which comes with a users' guide (pdf).

[Click here to read the article and view the video at the Anglican Church of Canada website](#)

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The Star - Simon Lewchuk - Commentary

Anti-poverty tax credit would lead to health savings

What do Andrew Coyne, the Green party, and the Conference Board of Canada have in common? They're all onto a relatively simple idea that could help solve a significant conundrum being discussed in Ottawa right now: the high toll poverty is taking on the health of Canadians.



[Click here to read the full article on The Star website](#)

May 19, 2013 (recently noted)

Guelph Mercury - Dr. Elizabeth Lee Ford-Jones - Opinion

Too many Canadian kids are going hungry

But at the children's hospital where I now work, a group of us meet regularly, if informally, about another pressing public health threat - hunger.

... Many pediatricians with community practices tell us that finding the money to feed their children is the top problem faced by many parents they meet.



We see children whose parents struggle with poverty. We admit proportionately more children from high poverty neighbourhoods to hospital than from other neighbourhoods, and the children from poorer neighbourhoods stay in the hospital longer.

We know that childhood hunger - which of course is linked to poverty - has long-term impacts on physical and mental health.

[Click here to read the full article at the Guelph Mercury website](#)

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104.7 Heart FM- Woodstock

More Youth, First Timers Relying on Emergency Food

A startling number of young people are relying on food banks, and emergency food in Oxford County.

New stats from Oxford's Social Planning Council on the issue of Food Security shows around 30% of those visiting organizations like the Salvation Army and Operation Sharing are under the age of 18.

Social Planning Coordinator Ashley Farrar says it's a major concern. "We know that children who grow up living in poverty, their brain develops differently. Not having access to healthy food, and needing to access emergency food providers, that is really concerning. Their brain is going to develop differently and that is going to last for their lifetime."

[Click here to read the full article at 104.7 Heart FM website](#)

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The Parallel Parliament - Glen Pearson - Blog

The Ones That Got Away

You can always tell when democracy is in a period of decline when there is an increase in volunteerism, charity and celebrity status. It sounds counter-intuitive, but hear me out. We have entered a phase where civil society has to pick up the slack from where governments increasingly leave off. It's something of a mug's game, where more becomes expected of citizens than is required of government.

And then there is that third great sector that doesn't really have to worry about such things very much at all. The fabulously wealthy, the businesses they run and own, and the financial institutions through which they flourish - become increasingly disconnected from the daily lives of average Canadians and feel little connection to country anymore; their lives are spent more internationally than domestically, as is their wealth.



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