

**NIAGARA SOCIAL JUSTICE COALITION
PRESENTS:**

THE IMPACTS OF FORD IN NIAGARA

Public Health Panel

**Today's topics: Sexual Education Curriculum,
Disability and Harm Reduction.**

Agenda

- Introduction
- Simrit Mondair speaking for Sex Ed
- Kristina Lee Him speaking for Disability
- Andrew Nielson speaking for Harm Reduction
- Questions
- Closing Remarks

For panel discussion and question please wait until
the panelists have finished.

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NSJC RESOURCE RECOMMENDATION:

Ontario Federation of Labour Ford Tracker

WEB ADDRESS: ofl.ca/power-of-many-ford-tracker-pc-cuts-and-privatization-to-date

Sex Ed

- Almost **80%** of people noted that gender identity and sexual orientation should be included in the curriculum which shows very high importance of those topics
- Almost **87%** of Ontario parents considered the topics in the curriculum to be “important” or “very important” to teach in schools

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATION: Health and Physical Education Curriculum

WEB ADDRESS: www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary

Disability

- Provincial government changed the definition of disability to “A person has a **severe and prolonged disability**” from “the person has a substantial physical or mental impairment that is continuous or recurrent and **expected to last one year or more.**”
- Provincial government cut **296, 316, 700** million to Ontario Works (OW) and **222,159,300** million to ODSP

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATION: Ontario Disability Support Program

LOCATION: 301 St. Paul St., St. Catharines

Harm Reduction

- Provincial government capped the number of Safe Injection Sites that can be funded by the provincial government, from **21** sites that were proposed to only **15** that are going to be opened.
- Provincial government cut funding to the Addiction Initiative services for those on Ontario Works

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATION: Positive Living Niagara

LOCATION: 120 Queenston St., St. Catharines