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## The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario (MEAO)

Would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our

# **Community Engagement Day Event** in the Dining Room of the Legislature Building, Queen's Park

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

### R.S.V.P. required by November 25th

Dear Members and Friends of MEAO:

MEAO is inviting you to a Community Engagement Day on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 between 3:30 – 6:30 p.m., in the Dining Room of the Legislature Building, Queen's Park. Light refreshments will be served.

This will be a very informative and exciting day for all! Varda Burstyn, well known author and MEAO's consultant for the Community Voices Study (as funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation) will be giving an executive summary presentation of the Community Voices Study. There will also be highlights of the Business Case for the Ontario Centre of Excellence for Environmental Health (OCEEH), presented by Adrianna Tetley, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Ontario Health Centres (AOHC). You will also have the opportunity of having your questions addressed during a Q & A time slot, and there will be some very notable guests!

All Ontario MPP's have been invited to attend this event. We know that to set up a meeting with your MPP usually involves approximately 3 - 4 weeks notice. So given the shortness of time, if you feel well enough, please either try for an in-office meeting, or call your own local MPP's office to ask them to attend our December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Reminders about December 5th and Queen's Park Rules:

- Arrive by 2:30 p.m. to go through security check, if you decide to go to the gallery of the Legislative Assembly for afternoon MPP Introductions.
- Go to the south basement entrance doors to go through security check where they will have your name on a list and issue you with a pass. Before proceeding to the galleries, visitors must leave coats and bags at the attended coat check.

- By 3 p.m. be in the Legislative Assembly Gallery if you want to hear the Introduction and member's statement regarding our Community Engagement Event.
- If you are not going to the Legislature Gallery for Introductions, please arrive by 2:45 p.m. to go through security check and proceed to the Dining Room by 3:30 p.m. (Dining Room doors will not be open for us until 3:30 p.m.)
- Note wearing T-shirts with slogans and pictures is prohibited inside the Ontario Legislature building.
- This is a SCENT FREE event.
- Light refreshments will be served. We always do our best to avoid the most MCS offensive foods, but because many of you are extremely hypersensitive to a lot of foods, please feel free to bring your own snacks.
- For directions to Queen's Park see next page

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to my attention at the MEAO email address (<u>info@meao.ca</u>).

## R.S.V.P. is mandatory for this Event by November 25, 2013

Send your full name and the names of all of your guests by email to <u>info@meao.ca</u> or call us at 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 and leave the requested information on the answering machine or with the administrative assistant. MEAO **must** provide the names of all guests and attendees on a list to Queen's Park security in order for them to allow you entry to the Legislature building.

Sincerely,

Denise Magi Vice-President MEAO And event organizer

Legislative Assembly of Ontario Information: www.ontla.on.ca

Directions to the Ontario Legislature, Queen's Park, Toronto

#### **Public Transit:**

1) Get off at the Museum Subway of the University Line, cross at lights and walk south on Queen's Park Avenue, through the north end of Queen's Park, to the south entrance.

2) From Wellesley Subway, take Wellesley Bus west to Queen's Park Cres., cross at the lights walk through the grounds to Queen's Park.

3) If you choose the Queen's Park Subway (wheelchair accessible – Elevator), near South Queen's Park, or take the Carlton Streetcar from College Subway on the Yonge Line, please note there are no streetlights here to cross into Queen's Park so caution is needed.

### Parking:

There is no onsite parking. Drop off and pick up is available, at Grosvenor St. and Queen's Park Cres. E. entrance. Drive with a friend or carpool. There is also paid parking across from Women's College Hospital and several other paid parking lots in the area. Visit Green P parking website www.parking. greenp.com.

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