



15th Annual Workshop  
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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM AS OF April 23, 2024

# Reducing child poverty to improve health and development: what works and how?

## WORKSHOP DAY 1: Monday, May 27, 2024

### AM – Location:

8:30 Registration of participants

9:00 **Opening remarks:**

### Session 1: Societal measures to reduce child poverty

**Chair: Lise Gauvin**, professor, School of Public Health, University of Montreal; researcher, CRCHUM, Montreal

### 9:30 **Keynote presentation**

Dave Gordon, Professorial Research Fellow in Social Justice, School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, UK

*'Can we eradicate child poverty and reduce health inequalities?'*

10:00 Questions and Discussion

10:15 Kate Pickett, Professor of epidemiology, Health Sciences, University of York, UK

*"Held back by inequality: How economic inequality shapes children's health, wellbeing and life chances and what we should be doing about it".*

10:35 Questions and discussion

10:45 **Health Break** (juices and coffee)

11:00 Amélie Quesnel-Lavallée, Director, McGill Observatory on Health and Social Services Reforms; Canada Research Chair in Policies and Health Inequalities, McGill, Montreal.

*"Child poverty in Québec after 22 years of the act to combat poverty and social exclusion".*

11:20 Questions and discussion

11:30 Sylvana Côté, Professor, School of Public Health, University of Montreal, Researcher at the CHU Ste-Justine

11:50 Questions and Discussion

12:00 Exchanges with the participants via the QR code to know their perspective.

12:10 **Tour of posters**

12:30 **Lunch PM - Location**

### **Session 2a: Economics of poverty reduction**

**Chair: Sylvana Côté**, Professor, School of Public Health, University of Montreal, Researcher, CHU Ste-Justine

13:30 Orla Doyle, Professor, School of Economics and Research Fellow at the UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy, Dublin, Ireland.

*"Reducing Socio-economic Inequality through Early Intervention: Evidence from Ireland"*.

13:50 Questions and discussion

14:00 Pierre Fortin, Emeritus Professor, Department of Economic Science, UQAM, Montreal.

*"Québec Childcare at 25: Economic Takeaways"*

14:20 Questions and discussion

14:30 Yann Algan, Associate Dean of Pre-experience Programs and Professor of Economics, HEC, Paris

*The long-run economic impact of early childhood intervention: evidence from a randomized experiment on poor Montreal kids"*

14:50 Questions and discussion

**15:00 Health Break** (juices and coffee)

### **Session 2b: Interventions at the family level**

15:15 Sharon Goldfeld, Director, Centre for Community Child Health (CCCH) the Royal Children's Hospital, Co-Group leader of Policy and Equity, Melbourne, Australia

*From poverty to investment: what's really needed for families to close the child equity gap.*

15:35 Questions and discussion

15:45 Josie Dickerson, Director - Better Start Bradford Innovation Hub and Bradford Inequalities Research Uni, UK.

*'Learning from the experts: taking a community-based approach to understand what works to reduce the impacts of poverty'*

16:05 Questions and discussion

16:15 General discussion of the day presentations

16:30 Exchanges with the participants via the QR code to know their perspective.

16:40 Projection of a video from Dany Dorling, a [social geographer](#) and a visiting professor in the School of Social and Community Medicine, [University of Bristol](#)  
*Shattered Nations, Inequalities and the geography of a failing state*  
<https://youtu.be/RAJIJ2-8a8c>

16:45 End of Day 1

**19:00 INRICH DINNER AND NETWORKING EVENT  
at Le Monarque, 406 St-Jacques, Montréal**

**Group photo - Location :**

**WORKSHOP DAY 2: Tuesday, May 28, 2024**

**AM – Location:**

**Session 3: How specific social policies either reduce or increase inequalities in health.**

**Chair: Nick Spencer**, Emeritus Professor of Child Health, University of Warwick; Co-Founder of the International Network for Research on Inequalities in Child Health (INRICH)

9:00 Arjumand Siddiqi, Professor, Division Head of Epidemiology, and Canada Research Chair in Population Health Equity at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. Video on line.  
*Changing Times and Changing Determinants of Health: Can our Understandings Keep up ?*

9:20 Questions and discussion

9:30 Kitty Stewart, Associate Professor of Social Policy and Associate Director of the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion, Department of Sociology, London School of Economics, UK.  
*Inequalities in low birthweight in England 2000-2020: Did social policy make a difference?*

9:50 Questions and discussion

10:00 David Taylor-Robinson, Professor of Public Health and Policy, Liverpool University, UK. Video on line.  
*Inequalities in child health: pathways, poverty and policy entry points*

10:20 Questions and discussion

**10:30 Health Break (juices and coffee)**

10:45 Catherine Dea, from the Montreal Public Health Regional Direction.  
*How Periodic EDI surveys Catalyzed Intersectoral Actions to Promote Child Development and Reduce Health Inequities Among Children in Montreal: A Timeline Exploration over the last 20 years*

11:15 Questions and discussion

11:25 Olivier Jacques, Assistant professor, School of Public Health, University of Montreal.

*Designing social policies to sustain public support for poverty reduction.*

11:45 Questions and discussion

12:00 Exchanges with the participants via the QR code to know their perspective.

12:10 **Lunch and Tour of posters**

12:30 Jeff Goldhagen, President of ISSOP,

*About the integration of INRICH with ISSOP*

13:00 **INRICH Business meeting. The Future of INRICH:** N Spencer, L Séguin

*An agenda for this discussion will follow.*

*All INRICH members are invited to participate. Non-members are also welcome.*

### **Session 4a: Research from Low and Middle Income countries**

#### **Location:**

**Chair: Karina Dubois-Nguyen**, Director, International Health Unit, Université de Montréal

13:45 Jody Heyman, Founding director of the WORLD Policy Analysis Center; UCLA; Gonzalo Moreno, senior analyst at the WORLD Policy Analysis Center, Public Policies, McGill University

*WORLD studies on child health in low and middle-income countries*

14:05 Questions and discussion

14:15 Marilyn Ahun, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, McGill University.

*Impact of poverty on youth mental health: Evidence from LMIC.*

14:35 Questions and discussion

14:45 Arijit Nandi, Associate Professor jointly appointed at the Institute for Health and Social Policy and the Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Occupational Health; Research Chair in the Political Economy of Global Health.

15:05 Questions and discussion

15:15 **Health Break** (juices and coffee)

#### **Session 4b: Students and PhD fellows**

For this session, we will choose 2 oral presentations among the posters.

**Chair: Nick Spencer,**

15:30 TBD

15:40 Questions and discussion

15:45 TBD

15:55 Questions and discussion

16:00 **Panel:**

Nick Spencer, Emeritus Professor of Child Health, University of Warwick; Marie-France Raynault, Emeritus Professor, School of Public Health, University of Montreal; Mylène Drouin, Director of the Montreal Public Health Direction, and Vania Jimenez, founder of the Maison Bleue.

Discussion with the participants

17:00 Exchanges with the participants via the QR code to know their perspective.

17:15 **Closing remarks:**

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