



VIOLENCE PREVENTION LABRADOR OFFERING VIRTUAL

# CONVERSATION CAFE

## October 6, 2011

**Thursday, October 6, 2011**  
**Makkovik Markland Building**  
**Board Room**

**9:30 AM - Noon**

Visit [www.vplabrador.ca](http://www.vplabrador.ca) for detailed information on our Conversation Cafe's and upcoming topics and dates.

### **What is a Conversation Cafe?**

Our Virtual Cafés are open, hosted conversations in volunteer host sites across Labrador. At a Conversation Cafe there is nothing to join, no homework, no agenda, just a simple process that helps to shift us from small talk to BIG talk, conversations that matter.

### **Who is the Guest and Topic?**

**Bill Ryan** is a professor of Social Work at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He is an internationally-recognized expert in the field of sexuality, sexual education, homophobia health and gay men's

health. He has conducted research in all these areas, published scientific articles, chapters and edited books.

In 2009 he cofounded the Institute for Sexual Minority Health which offers a series of workshops on the areas of sexuality, sexual orientation, homophobia, transgenderism and gender.

One of these programs is *Creating Safe Spaces*: A focus on the important elements which contribute to creating safe and welcoming environments for lesbian, gay and bisexual (lgb) individuals, couples and families in schools, health and social service agencies, community

organizations, and other relevant settings. <http://www.ismh-isms.com/safespaces.html>

During the Conversation Cafe he will be discussing issues related to sexuality, homophobia, creating safe spaces for learning and interacting in youth agencies and schools as well as addressing issues of importance to the participants related to these questions.



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