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“Unpacking context: what do we mean when we say ‘Culture’ is a determinant of health?”

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Overview

- Set the stage: 'culture' as a determinant of health
- Panel presentations followed by Q&A
- Breakout groups
- Sharing KT strategies



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PHAC's Determinants Framework

The Twelve Determinants of Health

1. Income and social status
2. Social support networks (close family and friends)
3. Education and literacy
4. Employment and working conditions
5. Social environments (neighbourhoods and communities)
6. Physical environments (safe place to live, potable water, transportation, recreational infrastructure, internet and so on)
7. Personal health and coping skills
8. Healthy child development
9. Biology and endowment
10. Health services
11. Gender
- 12. Culture**



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Culture

- Culture is the shared ideas, meanings, and values that are acquired by individuals as members of a society. Culture is socially learned, continually evolves, and often influences us unconsciously. We learn culture through interactions with others, as well as through the tangible products of culture such as books and television (IOM, 2002).
- Culture and ethnicity are products of both personal history and wider situational, social, political, geographic and economic factors (Public Health Agency of Canada).



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Panel Members

Sarah de Leeuw, Research Associate, NCCAH and Assistant Professor, Northern Medical Program UNBC

Teresa MacInnes, documentary film maker, Nova Scotia

Dr. Verlé Harrop, scientist, visual artist



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