

Who are the Company of Conversation Changers?

The "CCC" members are Catalyst graduates of Bridging Teams, passionate storytellers with lived experience in poverty. Their lived-experience of systemic challenges helps change the conversation from "fixing poverty" to imagining a more equitable community where every person has opportunities to contribute to our common good.

Their goal is to share their messages through education, storytelling, and facilitation.

The CCC members welcome opportunities to share their experience of Bridging Teams with groups, agencies and communities of faith.

Please contact us if you are interested in having the CCC visit your group.

Contact us:

Be part of the Conversation



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We are ordinary citizens who are challenging current ways of addressing poverty.

We are changing the conversation about poverty and privilege and we're making concrete differences in people's lives.

What we offer:

- a life-changing small group experience as a member of a Bridging Team
- Bridging Team Facilitator Training (imagine a Bridging Team in your own community!)
- A team of people with lived experience to visit your organization or Community of Faith
- Bridging Poverty & Privilege (online course coming soon)



Bridging TEAMS

“It's been a new experience for me, being in the company of people who are genuine and caring. At first it becomes some of us and some of them, but then it just becomes all of us after a while - and it's wonderful.”

Laura,
Past Bridging Team Catalyst
& Current Bridging Team Co-facilitator

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Bridging TEAMS

Being a part of a bridging team has been an **amazing** experience. Being around people who are not only going to **listen** to your story and **value** your experience and perspective... but also grow and learn with you.

-Matt,
Bridging Team Catalyst
& Member of The Company of Conversation Changers

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Caring for
the Earth

Fair
Sharing

Caring for
People



I decided after about 25 years that I wasn't doing myself any favours so I decided to start looking after myself a little bit better in correlation with [joining] the Bridging Team ... that made everything all better, because I had people to help me...

Todd Coombes, CCC Treasurer on joining a Bridging Team



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Because of the support of my Bridging Team, I now see a future for myself. My newfound **confidence** has allowed me to develop my **leadership** skills and assertiveness, which has opened doors for me in my work and personal life.

-Rebecca,
Bridging Team Catalyst
& Member of The Company of Conversation Changers



Bridging Poverty and Privilege



The Bridging team allows people to develop deep **insight** into poverty and have a much better **understanding** of how poverty happens.



- Ralph
Bridging Team Co-facilitator
& President of
The Company of Conversation Changers



Bridging Poverty and Privilege



Catalysts and the Catalyst Fund

"Catalysts" are people who are currently under-resourced, surviving on Social Assistance or precariously employed.

The Catalyst Fund supports the participation of the Catalysts in Bridges Peterborough by:

1. providing \$25 gift cards / honourariums for each Catalyst's weekly participation in a Bridging Team.
2. paying Catalyst-Facilitators to run each Bridging Team. (These facilitators are trained members of the CCC.)

100% of your donation to the Catalyst Fund, goes to the Catalyst Fund!

Our goal is \$2,400 in monthly donations to support the Catalysts' journey.

Three ways you can give:

1. Send your cheque to Greenwood United Church with *Catalyst Fund* in the memo line.
737 Donwood Dr., Peterborough K9L 1G6
2. Join our monthly giving program and process your gift through direct withdrawal from your bank account. Charitable receipt available. Greenwood United Church is a joint venture partner with in the Bridging Team project.
3. Not looking for a charitable receipt?
GoFundMe link here:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/Catalyst-Fund>

What are Bridging Teams?



Join a
TEAM



Start a
TEAM



Support a
TEAM

- Bridging Teams are groups of up to 15 participants who meet weekly to share in food, fun, & storytelling.
- Teams are made up of people living in poverty, "Catalysts", and "Mentors", who are usually middle-income individuals and may or may not have lived experience in poverty.
- In a Team, everyone learns from each one another in a safe facilitated group setting.
- Bridges Peterborough has been offering the Bridging Team program since 2017.
- We have three New Bridging Teams that are starting in 2023!
- Join a Bridging Team! - Meet other people who want to change the conversation about poverty and privilege.
- Check out our website for more information.