

# DATES

The program runs over several weeks and includes weekly 2-hour online sessions for a total of 5 sessions. Participants also attend two days of in-person workshops at the University of Toronto's St. George campus.

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\$3800 CAD + HST per person (not including travel and accommodation)

**Discounts offered for teams and not-for-profits.**



**We're available to answer your questions and discuss your proposed project or team**

**LEARN MORE,  
CONTACT US  
AND APPLY:**



# LEADING URBAN CHANGE: ACCELERATING HOUSING SOLUTIONS

**A professional development program and project accelerator for city leaders**

**Offered in a blend of online and in-person sessions.**



## We are facing a growing urban

**housing crisis**, where demand exceeds supply, and many communities struggle with affordability, sustainability, and equity. Rapid urbanization, rising housing costs, and systemic barriers prevent low- and middle-income populations from accessing safe, affordable, and sustainable homes, and regulatory, financial, and policy challenges are hindering progress, leaving us with growing inequality and social instability.

## The Leading Urban Change: Accelerating Housing Solutions

**program** is a dynamic, transformative learning experience designed for leaders in the housing sector. Through a combination of expert-led sessions, hands-on project work, and cross-sector collaboration, this program empowers professionals to drive meaningful change by addressing the complex challenges of urban housing. Whether you're tackling issues like affordability, sustainability, or equity, this program provides you with the tools, strategies, and networks needed to create lasting impact.

## Leading Urban Change is a project

**accelerator** for you or your teams to advance solutions on a housing project. We will work together to build the strategies and tools that will eliminate your roadblocks.

## MEET YOUR INSTRUCTORS



**Karen Chapple (facilitator):** Director, School of Cities and Professor, Geography & Planning, U of T. Professor Emerita, City & Regional Planning, UC Berkeley

**Nouman Ashraf (facilitator):** Director of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and Associate Professor, Rotman School of Management, U of T



**Lisa Helps (facilitator):** Executive Lead, BC Builds, former Housing Solutions Advisor to the B.C. Premier, former Mayor of Victoria

**Rudi Wallace:** President and CEO, Hamilton Community Foundation



**Robert Brown:** Founder, Catalyst Community Developments Society; Senior Investment Advisor, Sacha Investments Ltd.; Member, B.C. Housing Board of Commissioners

**Carolyn Whitzman:** Senior Housing Researcher and Adjunct Professor, School of Cities, U of T



**Matti Siemiatycki:** Director, Infrastructure Institute and Professor, Geography & Planning, U of T

**Michael Epp:** Director, Housing Planning & Development, Metro Vancouver and former Manager, Development Planning, City of North Vancouver



**Derek Ballantyne:** CEO, Boann Social Capital; Managing Partner, New Market Funds; former Chair, Board of Directors, CMHC

**Fran Hunt-Jinnochi:** Executive Director, Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness; former Chief of Quatsino First Nation; Inaugural Director, Office of Indigenous Affairs, University of Victoria



## KEY BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM



Enhanced strategic leadership for housing challenges



Refined solution-driven workplace project plans



Tools and resources for housing innovation



Expanded professional network & coaching



Program completion certificate

## WHO IS THE PROGRAM FOR?

- Teams of 2-4; Individuals
- Public, private, or not-for-profit sector leaders working on advancing housing or housing-adjacent solutions including but not limited to:
  - Housing agency leads
  - Policy advisors/analysts
  - Developers
  - Sustainability specialists
  - Financial and economic professionals
  - Community development and advocacy