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Halifax Housing Help is one of the most progressive and alternative projects within the Atlantic Provinces. It is progressive in its attempt to build deep and caring relations with a very marginalized and hard-core population; it is alternative in its 'storefront' approach to having people feel "at home" in its environment. Halifax Housing Help is providing a significant support network for those who are in need of housing and/or in need of supports around stability in housing. This two-pronged approach allows for the building of meaningful and needed safety nets.

Much of my research has explored the ways in which homeless people build identity on the street, develop meaningful and supportive relations on the street, and how some exit from street life. My work has highlighted that the best ways to help people build stable housing or stay in housing is to foster in depth and caring relations as well as meaningful support mechanisms to maintain housing. Having a resource such as Housing Help will allow people a very important space to build skills which will inevitably support housing and employment stability as well as increased health and wellness.

Halifax Housing Help is a very important service in Halifax and I do hope they are successful in accruing funds to continue their program.



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