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Lindsay (left) and Dan are stabilization workers at the Front Room who once battled addiction.

Two paths out of addiction

Lived experience allows Lindsay and Dan to give back

One of Lookout Society's guiding visions is that each person we help is unique and has their own story of homelessness. Lookout staffers Dan and Lindsay are examples of that.

While they often share the same work computer at the Front Room in Surrey, assist many of the same clients and have both experienced homelessness and addiction, Lindsay and Dan walked different paths to get where they are now.

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Tent cities are not for Vancouver



The risk of tent city's like last summer's Oppenheimer Park camp and those found in Seattle is they could become permanent housing, says Shayne Williams.

This is year 9 of Seattle's 10-year plan to end homelessness, and it's clear this lofty goal will not be realized. In fact, the number of homeless in Seattle has increased.

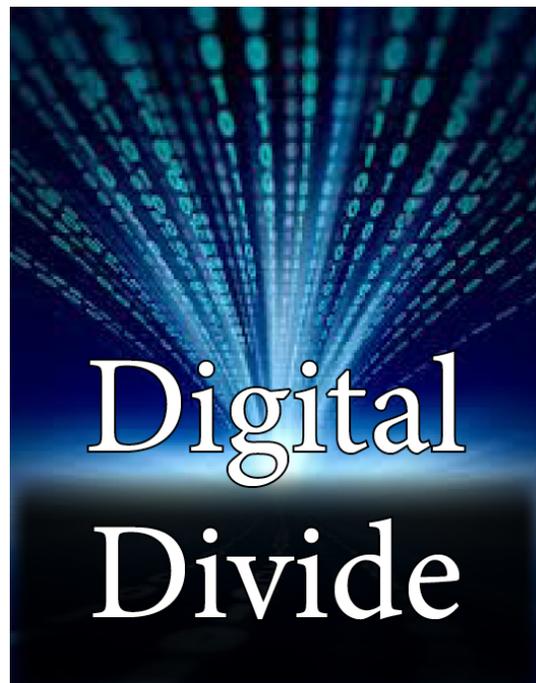
Despite the city's best intentions, the supply of social housing and shelter beds has not kept up to the demand, created by an economic downturn and job loss.

Homeless camps have become an alternative for those without a shelter bed or housing, with many occupied by youth and families. At first the city dismantled the tents as quickly as they went up. Today there is an acceptance of the camps, as long as they are safe.

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Lookout Society's Megan Baillie and others played in the annual road hockey tournament outside the Surrey city hall.



Those with low incomes and other groups are systemically denied access to technology.

Toque Tuesday a sell out

Toque Tuesday was an incredible success this year. The Lookout Society staff and volunteers sold all of the Raising the Roof toques at SkyTrain stations, New Westminster City Hall and throughout our communities.

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Digital access a right

Access to technology, specifically the Internet, should be considered a civil right in Canada, argues Richard Marquez, who was speaking at the Downtown Eastside Digital Access Forum.

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Our Story



Lookout Emergency Aid Society is a non-profit charitable organization established in 1971. We offer housing and services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to adult men and women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

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