



## Atlantic Regional Gathering **REMEMBER ~ REFLECT ~ REVITALIZE**

**September 30 and October 1, 2016**

Halifax, Nova Scotia



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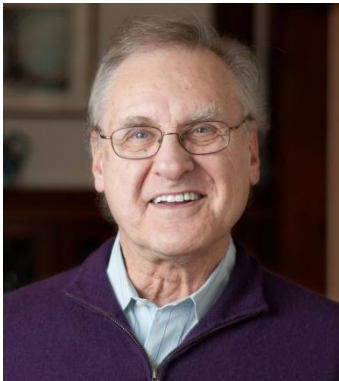
**Ilana Landsberg-Lewis** is the Executive Director of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which she co-founded with her father Stephen Lewis in 2003.

Ilana has a long history of social justice activism. After an early career as a labour and human rights lawyer, Ilana worked at the United Nations as UNIFEM's Advisor to CEDAW working closely with grassroots women's groups around the world in defending human rights conventions and standards. She was also the co-founder of UN-GLOBE, a group fighting for the rights of all LGBT employees of the United Nations.

In 2006, Ilana knew that the SLF, and Canadians, needed to mount a collective and rapid response to the increasing role of African grandmothers in raising a generation of children orphaned by AIDS – and so began the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

Today, the Campaign is an international movement of grandmothers in Canada and sub-Saharan Africa, brought together by their shared love of their grandchildren and a deep commitment to the grassroots expertise that places African grandmothers at the centre of the response to HIV and AIDS.

Ilana has received the YWCA Women of Distinction Award, and in 2012, was named one of the Top 26 Women of Influence in Canada



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**Stephen Lewis** is the co-founder and the board chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. He is a Professor of Distinction at Ryerson University in Toronto and a Professor of Practice in Global Governance at the Institute for the Study of International Development at McGill University. He is also the co-founder and co-director of the advocacy organization AIDS-Free World.

Mr. Lewis is a Senior Fellow of the Enough Project. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Clinton Health Access Initiative, and Emeritus Board Member of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. He served as a Commissioner on the Global Commission on HIV & the Law and in 2015 was appointed to the Lancet Commission on Drug Policy and Health.

Stephen Lewis' work with the United Nations spanned more than two decades. He was the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa from June 2001 until the end of 2006. From 1995 to 1999, Mr. Lewis was Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF at the organization's global headquarters in New York. From 1984 through 1988, he was Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations. From 1970-1978, Mr. Lewis was leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, during which time he became leader of the Official Opposition.

In 2003 Stephen Lewis was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest honour for lifetime achievement. In 2007, King Letsie III, monarch of the Kingdom of Lesotho, invested Mr. Lewis as Knight Commander of the Most Dignified Order of Moshoeshoe. The order is named for the founder of Lesotho; the knighthood is the country's highest honour. Mr. Lewis is the author of the best-selling book, *Race Against Time*. He holds 41 honorary doctorates from Canadian and US universities.



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Rosaria Student Centre, Multipurpose Room, room 302

**Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm	Reception and Marketplace
7pm- 9pm	Stephen Lewis and Ilana Landsberg- Lewis in Conversation

**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

8:00 am	Registration & Meet and Greet, coffee/tea and muffins, Marketplace
9:00 am	Announcements and Welcome
9:15 am	Opening of the Day and Plenary with African grandmothers
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Workshops Round 1 (participants can choose to attend 2 of the workshops, one in the first round, one in the second round) <i>A. Impact Assessment and Resilience (SLF staff),</i> <i>B. Continuing the Conversation (African Grandmothers/visitors)</i> <i>C. Getting Connected (SLF staff),</i> <i>D. Stories from Zambia (Ida Nambeya)</i>
11:30 am	Break
11:45 pm	Workshops Round 2 (same workshops on offer)
12:45 pm	Lunch, Marketplace
1:45 pm	Dolores Meade - Presentation about her visit to South Africa in July
2:30 pm	You Gotta Sing Choir
3:00 pm	Closing remarks

## Description of Workshops:

### A: Impact and Resilience

Resilience is the true measure of impact at the grassroots in Africa. This workshop explores community-based responses to the AIDS pandemic in Africa and the role of the SLF and more importantly, our African partners, in challenging and redefining measures of “success” at community-level, nationally and internationally.

### B: Continuing the Conversation

In this workshop you will hear more from our special guests: the African grandmothers and project staff who are visiting in honour of the Campaign’s 10 Year Anniversary. This is a wonderful opportunity for deeper conversation, asking questions and sharing your group’s activities, successes and plans for the future

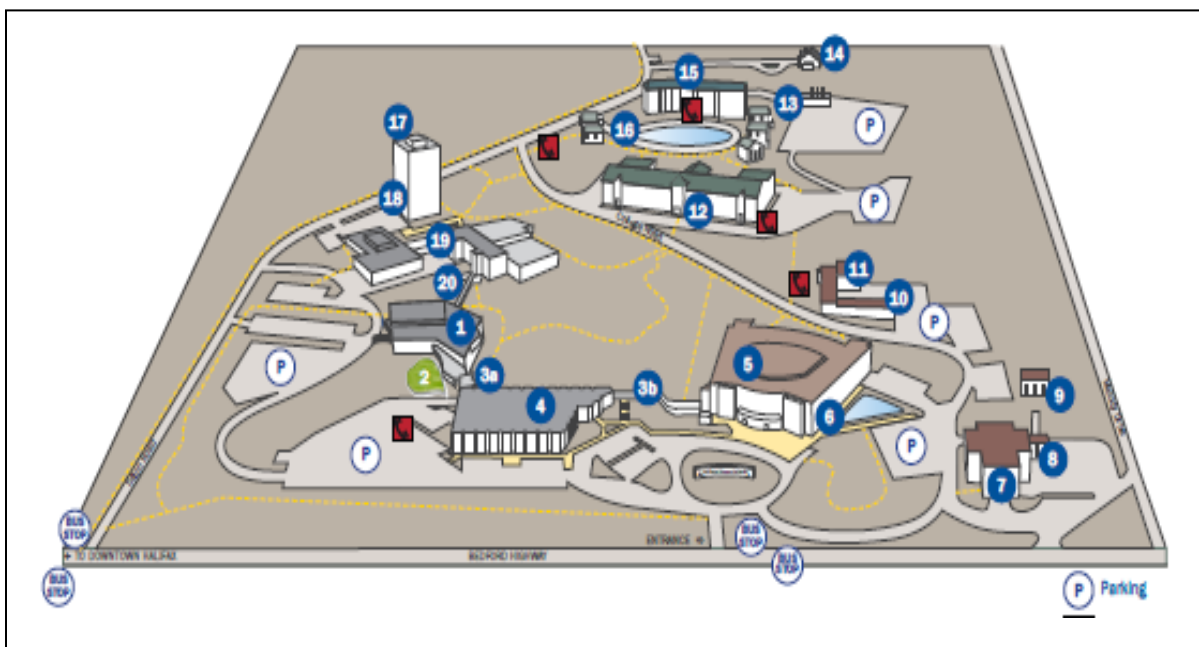
### C: Getting Connected

Trying to branch out in your fundraising efforts? Want to make use of the many online tools out there but aren’t sure where to start? In this workshop you will learn how to use two key tools—Facebook and the SLF’s online fundraising pages. Both of these online tools will help you to expand your fundraising reach. You might even get a sneak peek at a new project we are working on. There will be tutorials and lots of time for questions!

### D: Ida Nambeya

Ida Nambeya, Consultant to the Grandmothers Campaign, will share stories from her most recent visit with community-based organizations in Zambia. Ida spoke with grandmothers, grandchildren, and local organization staff members about grandmothers’ initiatives, as well as the successes of, and challenges currently facing, grandmothers and their communities

**FREE PARKING at Mount St. Vincent University after Friday 5pm and all-day on Saturday.  
The Rosaria Student Centre (Building 19) is wheelchair accessible (front and side entrances).**



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