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## Through Our Eyes: Bringing the Residents' Bill of Rights Alive – Showcased at Walk with Me Conference

OARC attended Walk with Me in Niagara Falls in early March. Josie-Lee and Dee Lender met with like-minded people from across Canada and a few from the USA, to share the good work of culture change in seniors' care. **OARC's Through Our Eyes: Bringing the Residents' Bill of Rights Alive** informational video was showcased during a panel presentation with LTC leaders giving evidence to the powerful results possible when residents are engaged in the creation of meaningful education. To learn more about the Walk with Me conference visit the Research in Aging website at <http://www.the-ria.ca/walkwithme/>

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## 2018 Election Forum – Advancing Senior Care in Ontario



April 23, 2018  
10:00am to 12:30pm  
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education  
252 Bloor Street West, Toronto



Ontario's senior's population is growing at an unprecedented rate, yet our health and social services are not prepared to meet the needs of this critical demographic change. The upcoming Provincial Election is an important opportunity to bring attention to this issue so that it is a top priority for all political parties. As organizations representing seniors and providers of care and services across the continuum, we invite you to join us for this special election forum.



André Picard, Globe and Mail health reporter, will host a discussion with invited representatives from the Liberal, Progressive Conservative, New Democrat, and Green parties on their plans for addressing the future care and service needs of Ontario's seniors.



There is no charge to attend, but you must register before April 16 at [seniorforum2018.squarespace.com](http://seniorforum2018.squarespace.com). You are welcome to include suggested questions for party representatives with your registration.



Please feel free to extend this invitation to others who may be interested. We hope you can join us!



Lisa Levin, CEO, AdvantAge Ontario  
Lorraine Purdon, Executive Director, Family Councils Ontario  
Sue VanderBent, CEO, Home Care Ontario  
Dee Lender, Executive Director, Ontario Association of Residents' Councils  
Cheryl Perera, Chair, Ontario Caregiver Coalition  
Deborah Simon, CEO, Ontario Community Support Association  
Candace Chartier, CEO, Ontario Long Term Care Association  
Laurie Johnston, CEO, Ontario Retirement Communities Association



# Ontario Long Term Care Association's This is Long Term Care 2018

November 14-16, 2018

Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto

**Call for Abstracts** - The Ontario Long Term Care Association's signature conference, "[This is Long Term Care 2018: Disrupting the Norm](#)", profiles new and emerging research, innovation, and successful quality initiatives in a unique forum designed for learning, networking and information sharing. This year we are issuing a challenge to presenters to think out-of-the-box and challenge the status quo. In so many ways, our industry is headed for a shake-up. From our changing demographics and capacity challenges to keeping pace with the evolving needs of residents and families. As leaders, we must disrupt the norm and lead with a positive change in the sector.

Call for Content close date is Friday, April 20, 2018, at 12:00 noon. To review application criteria or to apply, [click here](#).

## OARC Representing Residents' Councils

Working with our Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and Stakeholder Groups as members of various committees, residents attend and provide their lived experience to government and sector leaders through:

- Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care:
  - Enhanced Strategy Stakeholder Advisory Committee
  - Enhanced Strategy Design Variance Committee
  - Enhanced Strategy Issues Working Group
  - Long-Term Care Stakeholder Liaison Committee
  - Long-Term Care Quality Improvement Program
- Behaviour Supports Ontario:
  - Advisory Group
  - Integrated Teams Collaborative
  - Lived Experience Advisory Group
  - Non-Stigmatizing Language Expert Panel
- Partnerships for Health Systems Improvement (PHSI) Advisory Boards for the Strengthening a Palliative Approach in Long-term Care
- Bruyère CLRI Steering Committee
- Health Quality Ontario:
  - Resource Development Advisory Group
  - Long-Term Care Practice Report Advisory Committee
  - Transitions from Hospital to Home Advisory Group

We encourage you to bring this information to the next Residents' Council meeting in your home. We love to hear from you... Call, write or email us with your questions, suggestions and stories.



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