



A Roof for Everyone Workshop (Feb. 26, 2022)

Suggestions to Participants for Follow-up Actions:

- Read the [Saanich Housing Needs Report](#) and the [Saanich Housing Strategy Report](#);
- Attend public consultations and hearings on affordable/social/supportive housing projects; (Find out about these projects through this [BC Housing site](#), or through the District of Saanich's Active [Development Applications website](#), or through [Saanich News](#), or through the [GVAT website](#) or [GVAT Facebook](#).)
- Write letters of support to Saanich Council for these projects (email address: council@saanich.ca);
- Talk with family, friends, fellow parishioners, neighbours about housing issues and motivate them to take positive actions;
- Counter negative discourse and fearmongering around affordable/social/supportive housing projects (see first article below);
- Join the GVAT Housing Action Research Team – or at least support our campaigns! (Contact Yvonne Hsieh at yhsieh@uvic.ca)
- Follow [GVAT](#) on social media to learn about our future events.

Articles of interest:

[“Supportive Housing at Mount Edward has not destroyed its neighbourhood, four years later”](#) (*Capital Daily*, May 6, 2021). This article recalls the fears aroused in the neighbourhood by the proposal to turn a former nursing home into supportive housing for people with addiction problems, and shows how these fears turned out to be unfounded.

[“Saanich family soon to be homeless due to rental competition, unaffordability”](#) (CBC News, Feb. 5, 2022). A Saanich family of four faces imminent homelessness for the first time in their lives, despite making just above the median income of a middle-class family in Saanich.