

# Planners Network Conference 2000



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### **Planners Network Statement of Principles**

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic system.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment in order to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. This includes in particular racial injustice and discrimination by gender and sexual orientation. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other progressive organizations to inform public opinion and public policy and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.



### **Conference Context**

In recent years, the city of Toronto has been buffeted by the adverse effects of globalization, and by the downloading of responsibility for social services onto the municipal government. Local communities are organizing to resist these developments with varied success. This conference will provide an opportunity to meet with some of these communities to share strategies and experiences.

Toronto has been described as the most multicultural city in North America. It is also home to a large and vibrant gay and lesbian community. The conference coincides with a week of festivities culminating in Toronto's Gay Pride parade on Sunday, June 25. Toronto's Pride Festival is one of the oldest and largest on the continent. Some of the conference activities will be integrated with Gay Pride events.





































