

What if all children in Hamilton
were thriving - what would that
make possible?

What conditions need to be in
place for that to happen?

Provocative questions. Powerful implications. One afternoon.

Join changemakers from the Hamilton community and special guests Hildy Gottlieb and Dimitri Petropolis, the co-founders of Creating the Future, for a boundary-pushing conversation about the kind of future we want to create for Hamilton. If you believe, as we do, that thriving children create thriving communities, you won't want to miss this gathering.

Thursday, July 11, 2013
1:30 – 5:30 p.m., The Lakeview

Hosted by:

Alternatives for Youth
Community Child Abuse Council
Hamilton Food Share



Not familiar with the work of Creating the Future? The host agencies (left) are among a fast growing number drawn to the concepts and approaches developed by this award-winning organization, including community impact planning, visionary governance and "leading from the middle". To find out more: www.creatingthefuture.org or check out Hildy Gottlieb's TedTalk: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_yuwypm2Qc

A Gathering of Changemakers...

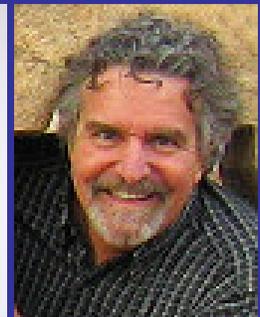
A gathering of thinkers and visionaries to consider the future we want for our community is exciting by itself, but what will make this event truly special is the opportunity to have this discussion with two of the most innovative thinkers in today's community benefit sector - Hildy Gottlieb and Dimitri Petropolis, co-founders of Creating the Future.

Hamilton Food Share was first inspired by ideas from Hildy Gottlieb's book *The Pollyanna Principles: Reinventing "Non-Profit" Organizations to Create the Future of Our World* in 2010, stirring discussions at the board table and generating lively debate about the agency's future path; **Alternatives for Youth** has incorporated concepts and tools from *Creating the Future* to renew and strengthen agency governance and to approach planning in new ways; the **Community Child Abuse Council** is fully engaged in community impact planning based on *Creating the Future's* approach to achieving vision-driven change.

"I was not prepared for *The Pollyanna Principles*...this work is simply stunning, the most important and transformative nonprofit-sector work I have read. Rarely has a book so elevated my thinking and recharged my belief in a bright future of humankind." – Stephen C. Nill, CEO, CharityChannel



Hildy Gottlieb



Dimitri Petropolis

As early adopters of *Creating the Future's* innovative approaches in the Hamilton area, the 3 host agencies believe strongly in the potential for this gathering to generate welcome opportunities for community engagement and impact across Hamilton – and we want others to be part of it! We certainly aren't alone in wanting a future for Hamilton that sees children thriving. To help make this a more inclusive discussion, each of the host agencies is inviting key allies and partners to join in this gathering.

A very limited number of spaces are available – please reserve your seat right away. Full details about the event location and additional information will be sent to you prior to July 11th. To reserve your space, call Laurie at (905) 523-1020 ext. 210, or email Laurie.Gallagher@childabusecouncil.on.ca.

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