



Summit 2010 is almost here – register now at www.eplyevents.com/QWQHC2010

The 4th Annual QWQHC Summit is around the corner! This year's Summit, entitled *Healthy Workplaces in Action: Working Together to Deliver Quality Care* and being held on February 25 and 26 in Ottawa, is an exciting opportunity to strengthen your networks and move the worklife agenda forward. Connect with colleagues from across Canada to share initiatives, strategies, resources, and experiences that contribute to healthier healthcare workplaces. There will be over 30 displays in the Initiatives Showcase, a provincial panel, keynote addresses by healthy work environment leaders, 15 interactive concurrent sessions, and three post-Summit workshops.

Every year, this event grows in size and scope. We look forward to seeing you there!

QWQHC enters the world of social networking with its own blog

QWQHC has launched *Thinking Healthy Healthcare*, a new blog that will feature a variety of guest writers who will share their views and ideas.

Whether you are new to blogging or already have a list of favorite blogs that you follow, make it a habit to visit thinkinghealthyhealthcare.ca to find inspiration and different perspectives. People from across the healthcare system will be sharing their thoughts about creating healthy healthcare settings that support a positive quality of worklife. And as you follow the blog, we invite you to share your own views by commenting on those posts that really get you thinking!



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Keeping up to date on QWL research

Ever wonder about how the latest QWL research correlates with an issue you may be facing in your workplace, or with decisions you are making? So do we!

QWQHC values the contribution of research to the practice of building healthy healthcare workplaces. To further promote the connection between research and practice, we will post a question on our website each month, as well as an answer from a leading researcher in that area of expertise.

Click [here](#) to view the first topic identified by your colleagues. And if you have questions you'd like answered please send them along to askaresearcher@qwqhc.ca.

Look who signed the Charter...

Congratulations to **Aberdeen Health & Community Services**, one of our newest Healthy Healthcare Leadership Charter members. Executive Director Heather Bruce notes that the Aberdeen Health and Community Services' board and leadership was seeking a tangible way to commit to supporting the health of its staff and developing workplace objectives, and were pleased to find it in the Healthy Healthcare Leadership Charter.



Close to 50 organizations and health systems representing a multitude of work sites across the country have signed the [Healthy Healthcare Leadership Charter](#). They are all actively engaged in improving the health of their work environments. Click [here](#) to see a map of our Charter signatories.

What can I do?

The tremendous power that comes from all of us speaking with one voice and working together cannot be overestimated. Here are a couple of ways that you can create change.

- Champion the QWQHC Action Strategy [Within Our Grasp](#) in your organization or jurisdiction. We can provide copies of key materials and may be able to participate in brainstorming sessions with your group.
- Contribute knowledge (stories, practices, research, and tools) to the QWQHC. Send your contributions to the QWQHC office at information@qwqhc.ca and we may include them on our website.

Feedback and comments

We hope you enjoyed this e-bulletin. It is produced and distributed quarterly. As always, we appreciate hearing from you. If you would like to comment on anything you have read or have ideas for future articles contact Tara Connolly at 613-738-3800 or 1-800-814-7769 ext. 344, or email us at information@qwqhc.ca.