



2023 YEAR END REPORT

*Taking Action and Promoting
Social Democracy*

2023 has been a banner year for the charity that Tommy Douglas founded over 50 years ago. Thanks to our members, donors, and supporters like you, we've been able to produce more important educational projects and special events to promote the benefits of social democracy than ever before! We hope you've enjoyed the exceptional content of our programme this year. It was a pleasure for our staff and board members to meet and greet thousands of people across Canada to introduce them to the value of our charity. All of our good work can be found for your convenience on our website: www.DouglasColdwellLayton.ca

Please take a moment to review all of our good work this past year while you consider making a kind and generous Year-End donation to our charity and the promotion of social democracy in Canada.

1. Annual Gala Dinner in Ottawa featuring BC Premier John Horgan

We kicked off the year with our very first annual gala dinner in Ottawa featuring BC Premier John Horgan as our Keynote speaker who thrilled our 400 guests with inspirational stories from his political journey beginning as a volunteer all the way to the Premier's office. Special guest speakers included; Jagmeet Singh, Lindsay Mathysen, and Gavin McGarigle. You can watch the event highlights and John Horgan's full keynote address here on our website: www.douglascoldwelllayton.ca/50th_anniversary_keynote_video



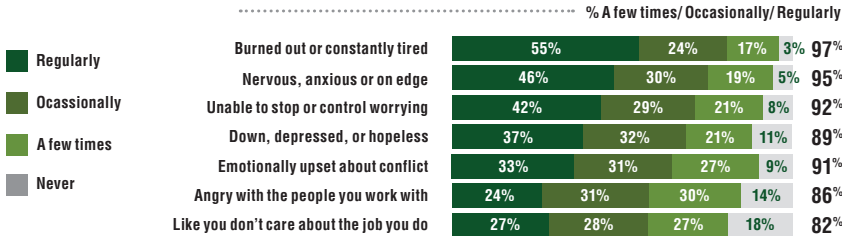
BLAIKIE KNOWLES WOODSWORTH LECTURE

2. Blaikie - Knowles - Woodsworth Lecture at the University of Winnipeg featuring Dr. Gary Dorian

The Blaikie Knowles Woodsworth Lecture at the University of Winnipeg was established in coordination with the Blaikie family in memory of longtime minister and politician Bill Blaikie. This lecture is curated to look at the intersection of social democracy and faith. NYU Professor Dr. Gary Dorian provided a master class on the history of the Canadian Social Gospel Movement and the impacts it had on Canadian politics and society in contrast to the United States. We were pleased to have the now Manitoba Premier Wab Kinew join us as one of our guest speakers. The full video is available on our website: www.douglascoldwelllayton.ca/the_blaikie_knowles_woodsworth_lecture_video

3. Mental Health and Wellness in the Workplace Final Report

As we have come through the COVID19 pandemic we have become more aware of mental health issues. We took a deep dive into what some of the root causes for mental health distress are. Our original research found that of the people who participated in our survey, 87% of those who identified as being under distress attributed their work/employment as the main factor. But that's just the tip of the iceberg - our data provides a remarkable amount of information on what is driving this problem, and what can be done to help fix workplace mental health distress. Read our final report here: www.douglascoldwelllayton.ca/research?active=final_report_mental_health_and



4. Jack Layton Lecture at McGill featuring Armine Yalnizyan and Frances Donald

This lecture event was produced in a roundtable format with renowned economists Armine Yalnizyan and Frances Donald, and Christopher Ragan at the Max Bell School for Public Policy at McGill University in Montreal. The discussion centered around the rising costs of living and inflation - affordability being an issue that was always very close to Jack Layton's heart. The full event video is available here: www.douglascoldwelllayton.ca/the_jack_layton_lecture_video



5. Seniors Care and Long Term Care Research Phase 1 report

In phase 1 of our research into the Senior's Care and Long Term Care crisis Canadians are facing now and the looming problems of the future. We found that not only is the current system incredibly inadequate to meet the needs of today's population, the crisis will get much worse in the future due to a number of economic factors if governments don't act quickly to make major improvements and provide solutions such as increasing PSWs and homecare options. Read phase 1 of our report here on our website: www.douglascoldwelllayton.ca/research

6. Training: Community Organizing for Affordable Housing

In partnership with the Institute for Change Leaders, we provided a 6 part online training course to dozens of people looking to gain organizing skills to help better their communities. This year our focus was on the issue of affordable housing and the housing crisis facing people from coast to coast. The 6 modules provide activists an opportunity to learn from issue based campaign organizers on how to motivate your community members into taking action. All of the training module videos are available on our website for you to participate in the training as well: www.douglascoldwelllayton.ca/videos

7. The Women's Leadership Showcase

We hosted a series of interviews with leading social democratic women today who have inspired so many with their strength, intelligence, and determination. These women have opened up doors for so many and we were so fortunate to hear some of their life experiences and stories. In the spring we hosted Audrey McLaughlin, the first woman to lead a national political party in Canada. And in the summer, we hosted Marit Stiles, The Leader of the Official Opposition and Ontario NDP. Our hope is that these interviews inspire women across the country to step up and lead. You can watch the interviews at: www.douglascoldwelllayton.ca/videos



8. Jack Layton Awards Ceremony at the Toronto Metropolitan University

Each year we commemorate the life and legacy of Jack Layton through the Layton Legacy Awards. These awards are given out to two organizations that have excelled in their respective roles; The Layton Activist Award, and, The Indigenous Leadership Award. This year the Awards were given to the Ontario Indigenous HIV/AIDS Strategy, and the Assembly of Seven Generations. Learn more about the awards at: www.douglascoldwelllayton.ca/videos



9. Alexa McDonough Lecture at MSVU featuring Peggy Nash

This lecture event is part of the Alexa McDonough Women's Leadership Centre and produced in Collaboration with the Alexa McDonough Centre for Gender and Women's Studies at Mount St Vincent University. Importantly this is the one lecture that is reserved exclusively for a woman speaker. Author, Order of Canada Recipient, and former Member of Parliament Peggy Nash was our keynote speaker on the importance of women running and winning public office. Peggy was joined on stage by Nova Scotia NDP Leader Claudia Chender, and NSGEU President Sandra Mullen. Please watch the full video here: www.douglascoldwelllayton.ca/the_alexamcdonough_lecture

10. Dave Barrett Lecture at UVic featuring John Horgan, Carole James, Andrew Petter and Geoff Meggs

Thanks to the founding support of LiUNA Local 1611, the Dave Barrett Lecture coincides with the newly established scholarship in his name at the University of Victoria. This panel discussion moderated by Geoff Meggs included former BC Premier John Horgan, former Deputy Premier Carole James, former Cabinet Minister Andrew Petter, in conversation about the innovations that the first NDP Government in British Columbia brought to the province and the rest of Canada 50 years ago. Please watch the informative and entertaining video on our website: www.douglascoldwelllayton.ca/dave_barrett_lecture_video



11. David Lewis Lecture at the UofT featuring Marshall Ganz and Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow

The David Lewis Lecture at the University of Toronto featured special guest speaker Marshall Ganz who teaches, researches, and writes on leadership, narrative, strategy and organization in social movements, civic associations, labour unions, and politics at Harvard University. In 2007-8 he was instrumental in the design of the grassroots organization for the 2008 Obama for President campaign. Long time friends, Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow joined Marshall Ganz on stage for a fireside chat about their campaign strategies to winning elections. Watch the full event video here: www.douglascoldwelllayton.ca/the_david_lewis_virtual_lecture

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