



Ontario Society of Senior Citizens Organizations  
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## Provincial Workshops and Lectures 2018

For 30 years, Ontario Society of Senior Citizens Organizations presenters and facilitators have brought a lifetime of experience to a wide variety of topics. They have a keen understanding of their subject matter and help raise awareness on subjects to enhance our own quality of life. Interested in booking a presentation? Contact us at 1-800-265-0779 or email [ocscsco@ocscsco.ca](mailto:ocscsco@ocscsco.ca) for more information. Here is a list of our 2017-2018 workshops and lectures.

### GREATER TORONTO AREA

#### **Engaging Seniors' in Civic Dialogue: from Dialogue to Action \***

Building a better community starts with you. You will learn about • the role of government and community leadership • rights and responsibilities in public domain • how to contribute the elder's time and skills to solve public problems • bridging differences for better community • advocacy process and techniques • take action -letter writing and social media. \*Available in English, Farsi, French, Mandarin and Russian. Please request an instructor at least 8 weeks in advance.

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### What's Next? Housing and Healthy Discussion

Planning your future is the 1<sup>st</sup> step to remain independent. Topics include: • Society has changed • Start the conversation to become informed • Reviewing housing options as we age • How to deal with giving up the familiar • Deciding to stay in my house: develop an in-home support plan • What if moving is in your future? Consider other housing options • Facing the issue of long term or chronic care housing • Create your life plan 65+

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