

# NEWS RELEASE

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## CHANNAL Launches New Look and New Website

Today, ***Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm***, the Consumer Health Awareness Network Newfoundland and Labrador (CHANNAL) in celebration of their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be joined by its members, volunteers, staff, board of directors and general public as well as the Honorable Jerome Kennedy as they unveil a brand new look along with a new website. This event will take place at the ***Fluvarium***, located at ***5 Nagles Place, St. John's***.

“This launch couldn’t be timed any better”, said Karon-Ann Parsons, CHANNAL’s Executive Director. “CHANNAL just recently turned five, and what a better way to celebrate our tremendous growth over the past five years”.

### ***Event Program***

- 2:00 *Meet and Greet* - Refreshments will be served
- 2:30 *Welcome* - Peter Ralph, President- CHANNAL Board of Directors
- 2:45 *Introduction of CHANNAL's New Face* – Paula Corcoran, Provincial Peer Support Coordinator - CHANNAL
- 3:15 *Greetings* - Honorable Jerome Kennedy, Minister of Health and Community Services
- 3:45 *Closing Remarks*

The new website combines practical, user-friendly navigation with relevant and timely information. It will be of tremendous value for everyone who has experience with mental illness, both directly and indirectly. Spanning the spectrum of individuals with lived experience, to working professionals with mental health issues, there is something for everyone.

Our new website will increase CHANNAL’s efforts, and abilities, to reduce the isolation for those living with mental illness, by creating a community of peers from across the province who can come together to support one another. Our new website will also aid in reducing the stigma associated with mental illness by offering unique perspectives that aid with educating the public. Members across the province, as well as non-members, will be able to access relevant and timely information as it pertains to them.

*The Consumers' Health Awareness Network Newfoundland And Labrador (CHANNAL) is a provincial organization that exists to build and strengthen a self-help network among individuals who live with mental health issues.  
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