

## **Edmonton Hosts the 12th Annual National Homelessness Radio Marathon**

**What:** The 12<sup>th</sup> annual National Homelessness Marathon, a cross radio event part of the National Campus and Community Radio Network (NCRA)

**When:** February 26-27, 2012 (5PM - 7AM, MTN time)

**Where:**

Throughout the night on the FM airwaves across Canada, including CJSR 88.5FM Edmonton

5PM - 6PM: Opening Hour LIVE at Stanley Milner Library, Edmonton, Alberta

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**Edmonton, Alberta –**

CJSR 88.5FM will be hosting the 2014 National Homelessness Radio Marathon for the first time, broadcasting live coast to coast across Canada. The marathon features 14 hours of radio content from across Canada, about the issue of homelessness and its solutions. The broadcast will happen from 5pm on February 22 until 7am the next morning. The Marathon is broadcast on CJSR 88.5FM in Edmonton, and will be simulcast on close to 40 other campus and community stations in nearly every province and territory across the country.

There were 2174 Edmontonians on the street counted in an 2012 homelessness count by Homeward Trust, but this number doesn't include individuals who are couch-surfing, living in substandard housing, and The marathon is an opportunity for these voices to be heard and to put a spotlight on those efforts that make a difference.

“An event like this allows the people experiencing homelessness to tell their own stories,” says Homelessness Marathon coordinator, Roshini Nair. “Through these stories, we begin to see what matters and how we can begin to make a difference in each others’ lives. This is a platform for people in our communities that we might walk past every day to speak, to share, to engage on air.”

This year, the marathon will focus on unique initiatives across the country, gendered experiences of homelessness, aboriginal experiences of homelessness, the history of homelessness, and much more.

For more information on the marathon, including the list of participating radio stations, and the broadcast topics by hour, visit [cjsrnews.com/homeless](http://cjsrnews.com/homeless).