

Fall Federal Forum

Reducing Work Injury Impact: Opportunities & Partnerships

....from admiral to administration in attendance

Nov 6th, 2013 saw the first-ever Fall Federal Forum. The event brought together *over 80 leaders from 30 organizations* in joint discussion to reduce work injury impact through visible leadership, engagement and best-practice.

The forum was the result of a true partnered effort between the Federal Government (Employment and Social Development Canada), the Nova Scotia Federal Council, Canada Post (national) and the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia.



The gathering sparked many insightful discussions, shared learning's and new networks for partnered success as a federal government 'family'. Safety leadership journeys and injury management best-practices were highlighted and shared national and regional perspectives. Delegates provided resounding positive response, and an 'ask' to leverage the opportunity as a catalyst for continued partnered approach towards better injury management outcomes.

A riveting keynote by Rear Admiral John Newton captivated delegates demonstrating the immense importance of embedding safety leadership and courage into all we do, stating **'any injury is an assault on our integrity'**.

A World Café provided the sharing of opportunities, challenges and experiences among delegates on many themes of strengthening the resilience of federal government workplaces and the value they bring to all Canadians.

Stuart MacLean opened the event with the importance of Leadership, Focus and Discipline to bring for the change that is needed to move from 'knowing about safety, to caring about safety'. Bob Westhaver (WCB Workplace Consultant, GSI) provided an overview of our coaching approach to inspired safety leadership in partnership with Paula Bernat, Director of Canada Post Nova Scotia Operations. Andrea Vardy and Daniel Makhani provided an overview of our Nova Scotia work injury trends and the massive opportunities for collective success. Shelley Rowan closed the event with a call to action for leaders-at-all-levels to move forward in shared vision and partnered action to make Nova Scotia one of the safest places to work in Canada.



Shelley Rowan (WCB NS, VP Prevention & Service Delivery), Rear Admiral John Newton and Stuart MacLean (WCB NS, CEO)