# 2017 Award of Merit for Advocacy of Social Justice

The Edmonton Social Planning Council (ESPC) is an organization committed to undertaking social research for the benefit of the entire community. We recognize many individuals and groups in our community also work tirelessly to advocate for programs in parallel to the ESPC vision of a just and inclusive community. The ESPC’s annual **Award of Merit** recognizes an individual, or group, we believe has demonstrated a dedication and achievement in the pursuit of social policies for the benefit of Edmontonians, particularly those who are the most vulnerable.

## Criteria

The ESPC’s Award of Merit for Advocacy of Social Justice honours forward-looking and courageous individuals and groups who have not turned away from controversy in an effort to seek social justice for either a defined community group or for the community as a whole. The following broad criteria must be met:

1. There is a clear impact on the community directly attributed to the work of the nominated individual or group.
2. The work of this individual or group is either ongoing, or was conducted for a considerable period of time (not a one-time event or short term volunteer activity).

## Nominations

Notice of this award will be on the ESPC website annually, and will be advertised on social media, at least one month prior to the deadline. Members of ESPC will receive individual notices calling for nominations. ESPC members, ESPC Board members, and the general public are all eligible to make nominations.

A nominating committee made up of ESPC Board members will adjudicate nominations. If multiple nominees meet the criteria, the committee will decide which nominee(s) will receive the Award.

## Deadline

Nominations will be received until **Friday, March 31, 2017** for consideration by the committee.

## Award

The Award of Merit for Advocacy of Social Justice is presented at the ESPC Annual General Meeting each year. This year the meeting will be on May 25th, 2017.