

Women to Women: Sharing the Wisdom Announcing the Third Fireside Chat Monday, April 24th, 2017, 7:30-9:00pm (Doors open at 7:00 for refreshments and net-working) Venue: The Lantern Library

Featuring Lisa Browne. B.A., M.B.A, CEO Stella's Circle

Lisa Browne is Chief Executive Officer of Stella's Circle, a leading non-profit community organization in St. John's. Living authentically out of the organizational slogan "Hope Lives Here", Lisa leads a committed and enthusiastic staff of 125 who assist at least 1000 inspiring participants each year in the areas of affordable housing, mental health support, and employment services. Stella's Circle has a very strong public profile and has established itself as a viable and sustainable concern. Through building on the concept of social enterprise and integrating programs into the fabric of the local business community, the staff have enabled countless individuals to be re-assimilated into the employment world and regain their well-being and independence. The effectiveness of their work is well recognized not only locally but nationally, and in 2016 Lisa was honored with several awards: *Canada's Volunteer Award for Social Innovation*, the *Torch for Ethics* awarded by the Better Business Bureau (Atlantic Region), and the NL Employer's Council *Path to Distinction Award*.

As a volunteer, Lisa is Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of The Rooms and an Associate with the Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development at Memorial University. She is a past participant and current regional co-chair of the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference. She has served as the Deputy Mayor of the Town of Clarenville and in recognition of her community involvement, she was a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Lisa has been an outstanding leader in the areas of social justice and social enterprise. We are honored to welcome her to our Fireside Chat series to share her experience with others.

Come and sit around the fireplace and help keep the W2W flame alive! Admission is free for those who attended the November W2W Empowering Leadership conference; \$20 for new participants who are most welcome. Drop-ins are always welcome but to ensure your seat at the fireside, please register at information@thelantern.ca .