Dennis Howlett – short bio



Dennis Howlett is currently the Executive Director of Canadians for Tax Fairness. Dennis has helped to launch campaigns to roll back corporate tax cuts, tackle tax havens and close tax loopholes. He is frequently called as an expert witness for the House of Commons Finance Committee and is often quoted in print and electronic media. He also serves as the Vice-Chair of the Global Alliance for Tax Justice.

Prior to beginning his work with Canadians for Tax Fairness in October of 2011 he was the National Coordinator of Make Poverty History. While there he provided leadership on successful campaigns for a Better Aid Bill, a Maternal and Child Health Initiative at the Muskoka G8 Summit and poverty reduction plans at the provincial and federal levels.

From 2003 to 2006 he was the Executive Director of the National Anti-Poverty Organization (now known as Canada Without Poverty). While at NAPO he initiated a national campaigns for making the minimum wage a living wage and for action on youth poverty.

For over 30 years he worked for a number of ecumenical social justice coalitions including Ten Days for Global Justice, the Ecumenical Coalition for Economic Justice and KAIROS where he led successful campaigns for cancellation of Third World debt, fair trade certification of coffee and other products, and ratification of the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change.

Dennis is a graduate of the University of Toronto with degrees in Masters of Education and Bachelor of Arts. He has written or contributed to a number of books including Ahhah! A New Approach to Popular Education, The Great Revenue Robbery: How to Stop the Tax Cut Scam and Save Canada, and Coalitions for Justice.

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