

## **Jean Vanier Research Guide announced as part of Symposium held at King's**

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London, ON – A Jean Vanier Research Guide was announced as part of the Inaugural Symposium on Jean Vanier's Insights and Works, taking place at King's College June 25-27, 2019.

Dr. Sauro Camiletti, Interim Principal and Academic Dean, Isabelle Aumont, Director of the Jean Vanier Association and Trosly Community member, and Adrienne Co-Dyre, Director of Libraries at the G. Emmett Cardinal Carter Library, announced a Jean Vanier Research Guide created by the Cardinal Carter Library in support of the newly-established Jean Vanier Research Centre and Symposium. This guide, available for viewing by the public at <http://kings.uwo.libguides.com/c.php?g=709978>, includes references to many of the books, videos, news articles and brochures by and about the late Dr. Vanier. By gathering this information together, the Guide supports further exploration of his work and ideas. It is organized to help researchers and the community more fully understand his vision of common humanity and service to others.

The Inaugural Symposium on Jean Vanier's Insights and Works, organized by the new Jean Vanier Research Centre at King's, is taking place at King's June 25-27, 2019. It is sponsored by King's Disability Studies, Association Jean Vanier, Memory Bridge, the Alzheimer Society London and Middlesex and L'Arche London.

The public is invited to attend the Jean Vanier Symposium Film Night, taking place at the Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre on June 26 from 6-9 p.m. The theatre is fully accessible, with ASL interpretation available. The evening will begin with the screening of the film "Love Is Listening: Dementia Without Loneliness," which features insights from Dr. Vanier and was an official selection at the 2019 Julien Dubuque International Film Festival.

After the screening of the film, a panel discussion will be held, offering an interactive dialogue. Panelists will include:

- Ron Robert, Disability Studies student at King's and national advocate for the Alzheimer Society of Canada
- Dr. Darcy Harris, Professor of Thanatology at King's
- Dr. John Swinton, Director of the Centre for Spirituality, Health & Disability, University of Aberdeen
- Carol Walters, CEO of the Alzheimer Society London & Middlesex
- Michael Verde, Founder of Memory Bridge and one of the film's producers
- Sister Mary Anne Larocque of the Sisters of St. Joseph

There will be a reception in the Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre to celebrate the launch of the Jean Vanier Research Centre to follow the panel discussion.

The Symposium on Jean Vanier's Insights and Works brings together scholars and non-profit leaders from L'Arche and other organizations that draw inspiration from him. During the Symposium, participants will be invited to share ideas and create dialogues. Organizers from the Jean Vanier Research Centre at King's hope that this group will form the initial basis from which the Centre will continue to build a more robust knowledge network of interested scholars, non-profits, self-advocates and care workers and leaders.

The purpose of the Jean Vanier Research Centre is to use an interdisciplinary analysis of his applied form of scholarship to change how people imagine the value and possibilities of those disabled or otherwise marginalized by exclusionary societal structures and discriminatory attitudes. For more information regarding the Jean Vanier Research Centre, please visit <https://www.kings.uwo.ca/research/research-centres/jean-vanier-research-centre-at-kings/>.

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