

POLICY WORKBOOK



INTRODUCTION

Thank you for taking the time to help build up your community and our Province.

The input that you provide will be included in reports to the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, our caucus, and Ontario Liberals through Provincial Councils and AGMs, and local riding associations where the Forums are held.

Organizing in your community is the most effective way to help bring about change in your community. Your ideas matter, but so does your passion for building a better Ontario, and that starts where you live.

If you, or anyone else wishes to provide direct input, feel free to email policy@ontarioliberal.ca. There is also a process to submit policy resolutions through OLP affiliated associations, including riding associations, Ontario Women's Liberal Commission clubs and Ontario Young Liberals clubs.

For more information, visit www.ontarioliberal.ca/policy



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HOW TO USE THIS WORKBOOK

This workbook and OLP Policy Forums are intended to be group projects. If someone has specific feedback on a particular subject, they're welcome to contact policy@ontarioliberal.ca, as well as work with their local OLP association to put forward a policy resolution.

- Policy Forums may be held anywhere, on any topic, and with any group
- They must be led by an Ontario Liberal member, but anyone may attend
- Groups of three or more are recommended to allow for a meaningful conversation
- Before holding your Policy Forum, email policy@ontarioliberal.ca with the details of your forum, or fill out the form available at www.ontarioliberal.ca/policy

If you'd like to know more about our policy development & engagement process, visit www.ontarioliberal.ca/policy a heading



FOR ORGANIZERS & MODERATORS

- While any venue works, try to find a free or low cost space at a local public venue, like a library, community centre, university/college campus, coffee shop, or, if appropriate, a local pub. Make sure the event is accessible to those with mobility issues.
- Consider posting a Facebook event or using social media to promote your Forum. If you have a specific theme or idea you'd like your Forum to focus on, include that.
- Think about inviting a guest, or guests from the community, local leaders, community organizers, who can help give some context to your conversation, or a local thought leader, academic.
- Feel free to include the local riding associations, OWLC/OYL clubs, but also consider reaching out to lapsed Ontario Liberals, Federal Liberals, and others who may be interested
- Encourage participation from all attendees.
- Don't be concerned about negative feedback. As long as attendees are respectful of one another, incorporate the feedback into the workbook (harassment, or harassing behaviour is not tolerated under the Ontario Liberal Code of Conduct)
- Keep people engaged after the event, have a plan for next steps and other events.

FOR ATTENDEES

- Think about what you're hearing in your neighbourhood, your workplace or school. Think about others who may not be in the room.
- These Forums are an important chance to talk about politics with people with diverse views, be open to different viewpoints.
- While being respectful, don't be afraid to speak up or speak out on an issue you care about.

FORUM FEEDBACK

WHAT IS THE CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE ORGANIZERS?

WHERE AND WHEN WAS THE POLICY FORUM HELD?

WHAT GROUPS, ASSOCIATIONS, OR ORGANIZATIONS WERE INVOLVED?

HOW MANY PEOPLE ATTENDED THE POLICY FORUM?


WAS THERE A THEME OR FOCUS TO THIS POLICY FORUM?

FORUM FEEDBACK

**ARE THERE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING POLICY FORUMS
OR THE ONTARIO LIBERAL POLICY PROCESS?**

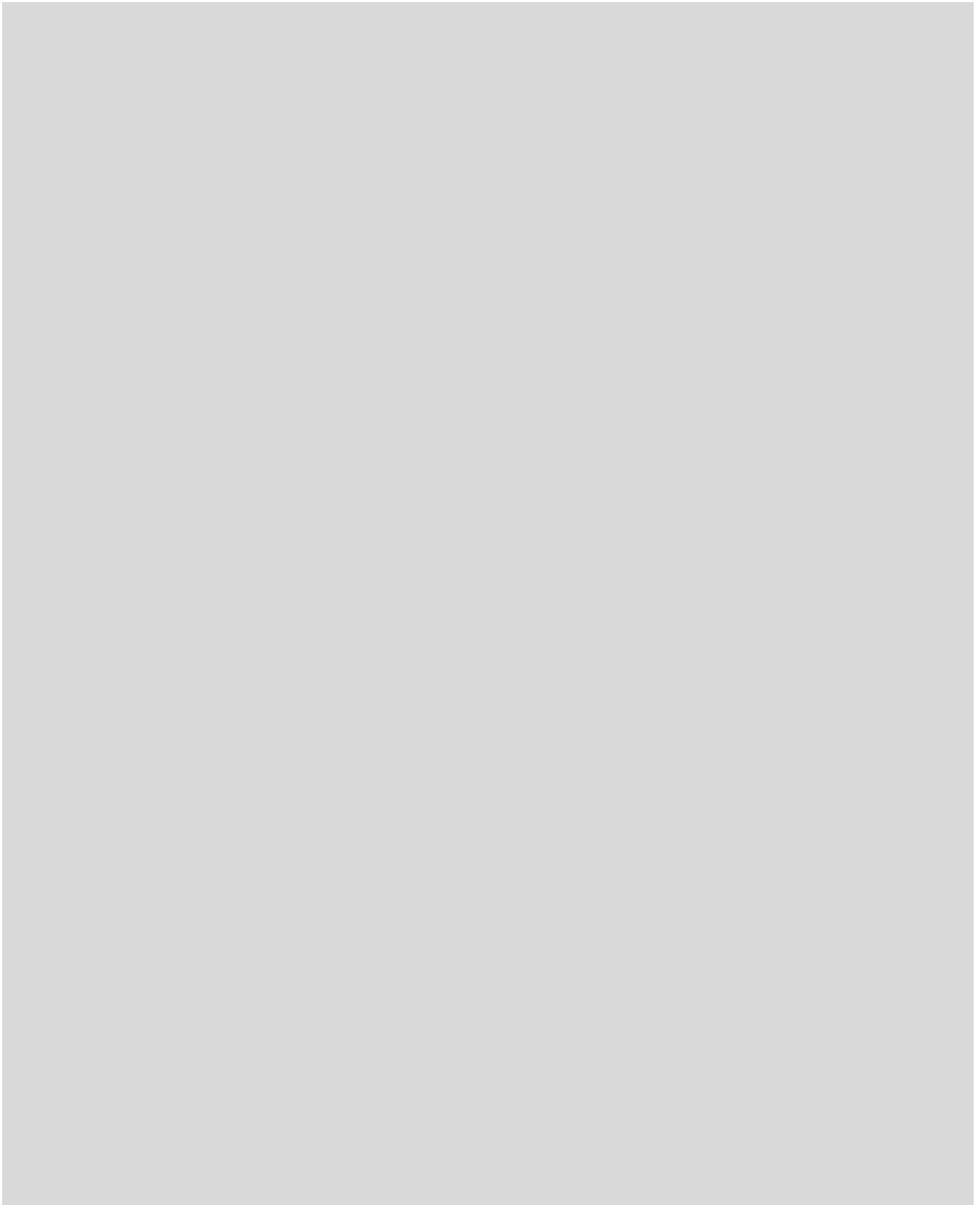


**DO ANY PARTICIPANTS WANT TO PROVIDE THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS
TO RECEIVE FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ONTARIO
LIBERAL PARTY?**



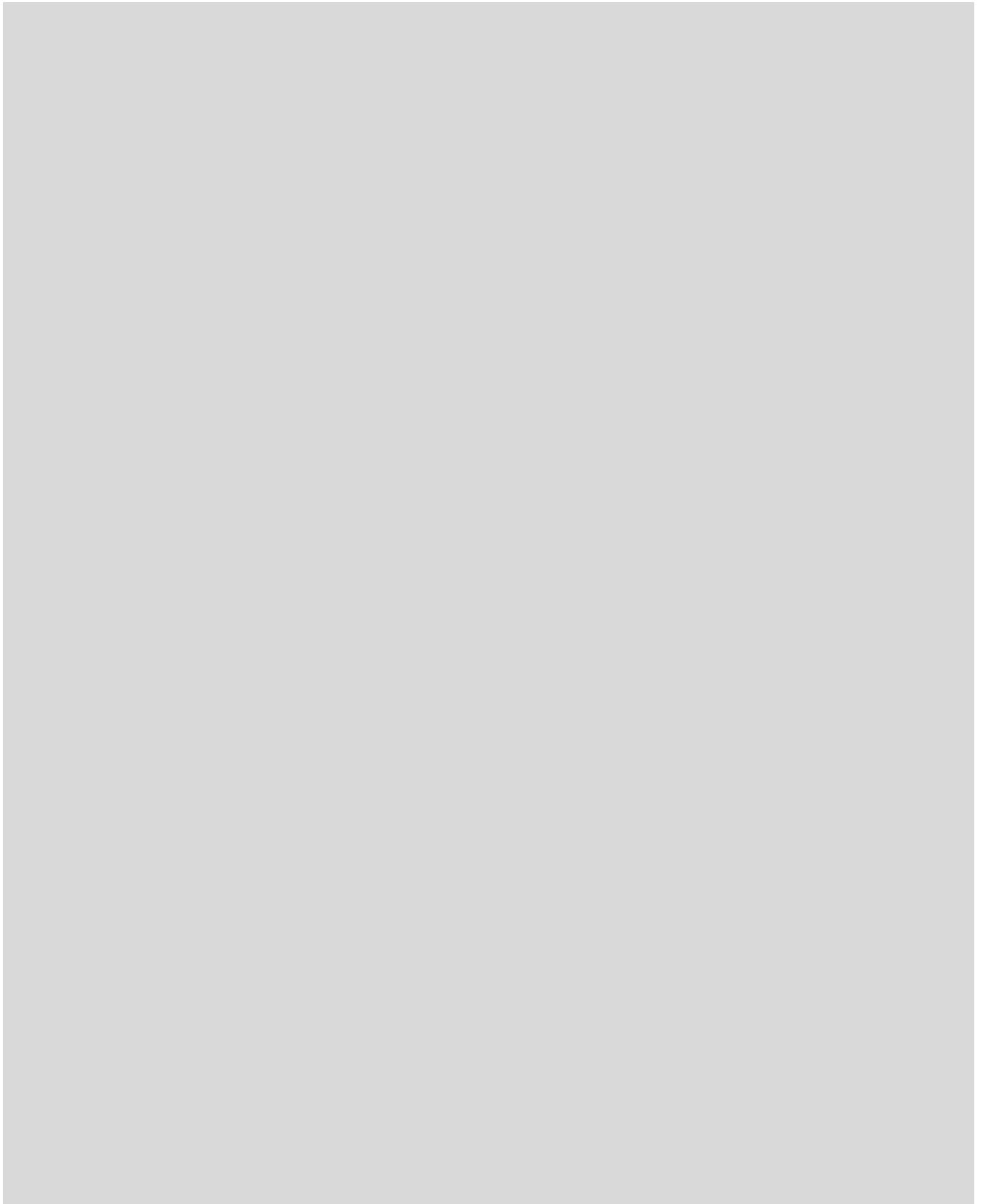
OUR COMMUNITY

WHAT ARE THE CONCERNS OR ISSUES FACING OUR COMMUNITY?



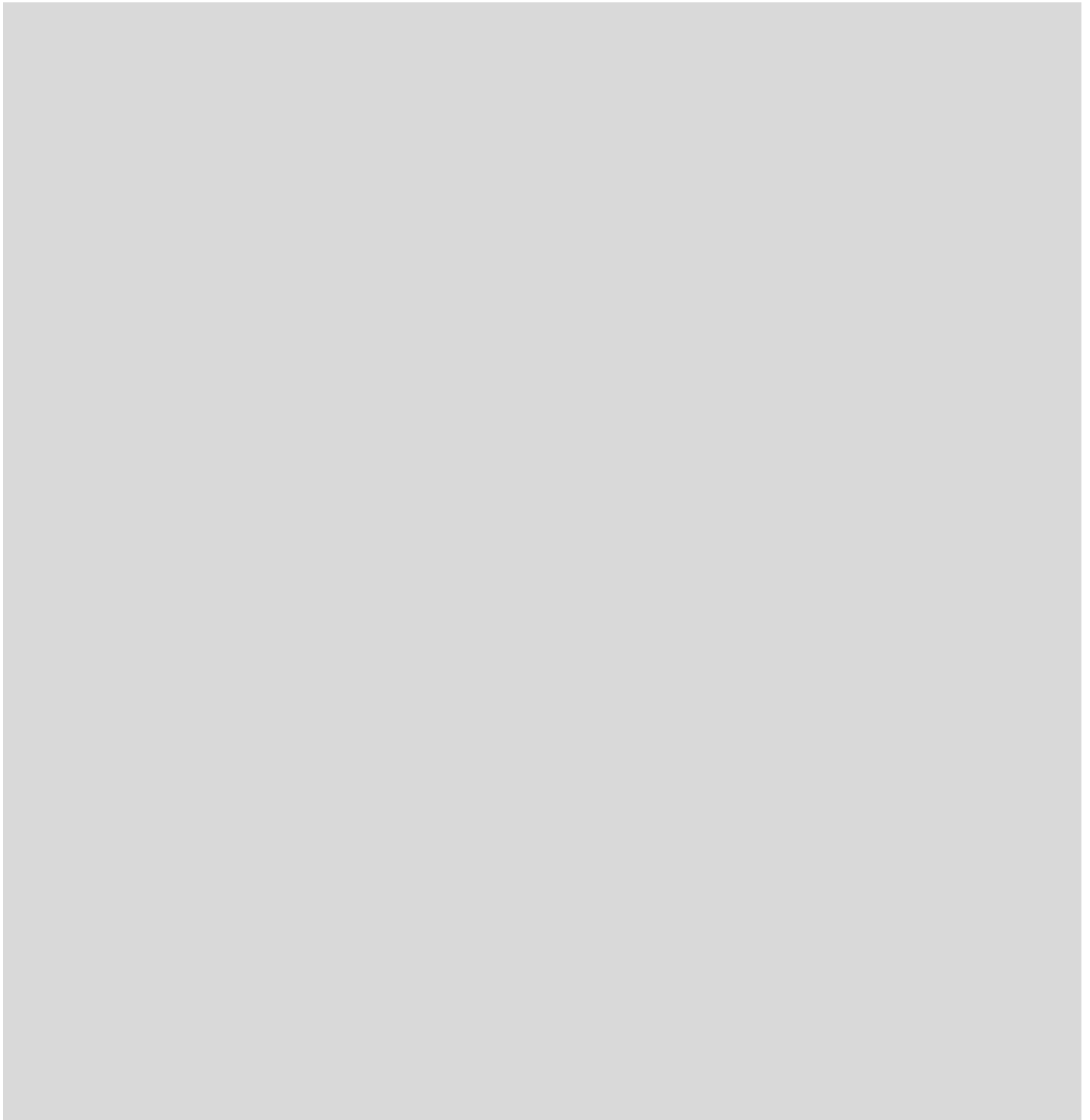
OUR REGION

WHAT ARE THE KEY ISSUES AFFECTING OUR REGION?



OUR PROVINCE

**WHAT ARE THE TOP THREE BIGGEST ISSUES FACING OUR PROVINCE?
E.G. HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, JOBS AND THE ECONOMY, POST-
SECONDARY EDUCATION, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, RURAL
AFFAIRS, CULTURE, INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY, LOCAL SERVICES,
L'AFFAIRS FRANCOPHONE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, OR SOCIAL
SERVICES.**



NEXT STEPS

WHAT PROPOSALS, IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS CAME FROM OUR FORUM THAT HAVEN'T BEEN PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED?



WHAT CAN BE DONE TO ENGAGE WITH GROUPS, AND COMMUNITIES UNDER-REPRESENTED IN POLITICS, OR WHO FACE SYSTEMIC BARRIERS?



NEXT STEPS

WHAT LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS SHOULD THE ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY REACH OUT TO AND ENGAGE WITH?



WHAT CAN THE ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY DO TO HELP ORGANIZE AND ENGAGE WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

