

Janice Abbott



Ms. Janice Abbott has been the CEO of Atira Women's Resource Society since 1992. Over the past two decades, she has directed the Society through its extraordinary growth into a large, award-winning multi-service agency. Ms. Abbott has led numerous innovative projects for women who are older, including: Canada's first and only transition house specifically for older women; three supportive housing programs for women who are older; and the introduction of upcycled shipping container housing to Canada, which provides 12 suites for older

women who mentor younger women living next door at Imouto Housing for Young Women. She has co-authored a number of publications, including the 2014 *Promising Practices across Canada for Housing Women who are Older and Fleeing Abuse*. Throughout Atira's history, she has championed barrier-free and low-barrier access to programs and services for women, ensuring Atira's programs are available to all survivors of violence, including women who are older.