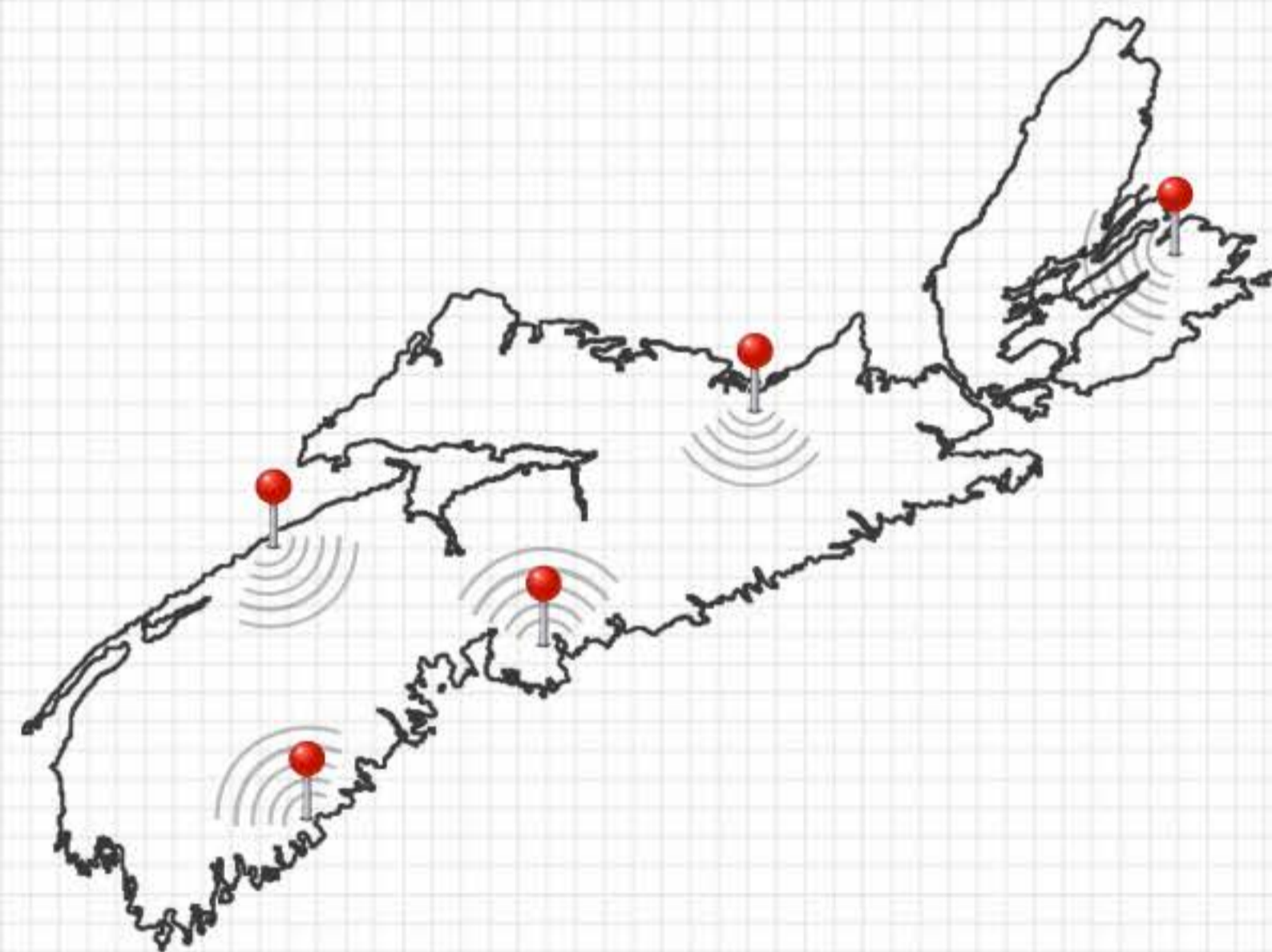


# CANNABIS ADVOCACY AUTUMN 2016

A successful experience with grassroots advocacy by Injury Free Nova Scotia, addressing the upcoming legalization of cannabis in Canada

TIMELY MOBILIZATION | TEAM WORK | SYNERGY | PARTNERSHIPS | DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES



## ADVOCACY ACROSS NOVA SCOTIA

During the autumn of 2016, Injury Free Nova Scotia hosted "Cannabis Conversations" in 5 communities across the province.

At each location:



A day conversation - open to diverse community partners, & an evening conversation - open to public

## ATTENDANCE PER LOCATION

### MIDDLETON

50



16 ORGANIZATIONS

### NEW GLASGOW

30



12 ORGANIZATIONS

### HALIFAX

91



30 ORGANIZATIONS

### SYDNEY

38



14 ORGANIZATIONS

### LIVERPOOL

36

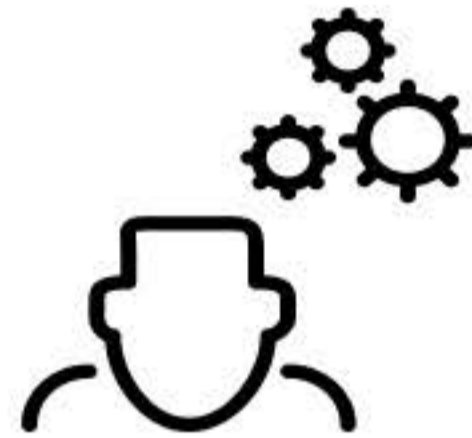


10 ORGANIZATIONS

TOTAL NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED: 82



## THEMES IDENTIFIED DURING CONVERSATIONS

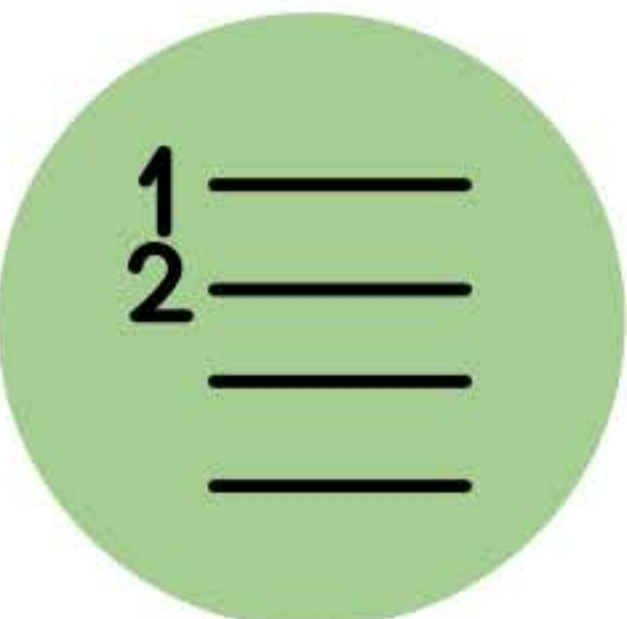


## SUBSEQUENT COMMUNITY ACTION



- Follow-up with several informal cannabis discussions throughout the province:
  - ➔ Millwood High School (Sackville) - cannabis discussion with Leadership class
  - ➔ Presentation to the Mental Health Additions Police Liaison committee in the Annapolis Valley

- Safety Services Nova Scotia - cannabis panel at the 2017 Workplace Health & Safety Conference



- Western, Eastern, and Central Kings Community Health Boards - letters sent to all relevant Ministers providing feedback
- IWK Health Centre - currently compiling an evidence-based summary of recommendations for legalization, with a particular focus on the needs of pregnant women, children and youth
- Numerous citizen reports of letters sent to Ministers providing feedback