

## Eco Justice 2011

Through the next number of months, the Eco Justice group is planning to continue its work of educating our community about the issue of poverty.

Community Development Halton recently released the following report:

“Overshadowed by Halton as an affluent community, there are tens of thousands of families and individuals living in low income or poverty. They do not have the sufficient financial resources for basic needs and necessities and have to make difficult choices on a daily basis.

The number of low income families living in Halton has increased over 40% since 2000. The “poverty line” is now considered to be an annual income of \$38,610 for a family of 4. An extreme low income family is defined as living with an income of less than \$20,000 per year.

According to the last census available, the Town of Oakville, which accounted for 44% of the low income families in Halton, had 46% of the extreme low income families.”

If you’d like to hear more about the possible solutions to this dire situation, you can consider attending a presentation on Tuesday March 8, at 7 pm at the Central Library, 120 Navy St. This is a joint event sponsored by Poverty Free Halton and Community Development Halton. RSVP at [office@cdhalton.ca](mailto:office@cdhalton.ca)