



## **King's Hour with Jennifer Keesmaat - "Building Cities That Work"**

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

London, ON- King's University College welcomes Jennifer Keesmaat a founding partner of Office for Urbanism, a planning and design firm in Toronto on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She will be joining the King's community for another edition of King's Hour where she will be discussing how Canadians' urban life and the absence of national strategies related to the development of transit infrastructure and affordable housing affects us all. Keesmaat will also discuss how creating spaces where people flourish demands coherent analysis, taking the long view and having a comprehensive perspective. It also demands new kinds of collaborations.

As a founding partner of Office for Urbanism, Keesmaat specializes in the integration of planning, design, and consensus building processes for the city of Toronto. She also serves as Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning. Keesmaat is a registered professional planner, an award-winning member of the Canadian Institute of Planners, and a member of the Congress for New Urbanism. She has a combined honours degree in English and Philosophy from Western and an M.E.S. degree in urban planning from York University. Jennifer Keesmaat can be found on Twitter under [@jen\\_keesmaat](#).

King's Hour is a series of culturally and academically engaging events of common interest to the entire King's community. These events consist of lectures, discussions or performances all of which are on relevant and timely issues that are important to the community and society of King's.

King's Hour will take place in the Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre found located in the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, 266 Epworth Ave, London, ON. It starts at 3:30pm and ends promptly at 4:20pm to ensure students will be on time for class. Interviews with Keesmaat can be arranged through King's Communications. Parking for media is available in Lot 1, on the north side of Epworth Avenue.

King's is a publicly-funded Catholic post-secondary institution founded in 1954. King's provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, business, and a master's degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally-autonomous, King's is academically-affiliated with Western University. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centered on the values of social justice, equality and the education of the whole person.

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