

Community Developers' Conference:

Training & Support for the BC Community Development Movement

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1. Sponsoring Organizations

Generous support for the Community Developers' Conference has been provided by the Community Capacity Building Strategy, led by the Canadian Cancer Society, BC & Yukon Division, as an initiative of the BC Healthy Living Alliance. The Social Planning and Research Council of BC has also provided financial and in-kind contributions to support this conference. As well, the Capacity Development Consortium and the Community Social Planning Network of BC have provided in-kind contributions and have contributed to the design and delivery of some of the workshops set out in this program.

Below, brief descriptions of each of the sponsoring organizations are presented.

Community Capacity Building Strategy, led by the Canadian Cancer Society, BC & Yukon Division, as an initiative of the BC Healthy Living Alliance

The Community Capacity Building Strategy has worked with marginalized, rural, and remote communities across BC using an approach that focuses on enhancing the skills, resources, and commitment of communities to address their own specific health and wellness needs. The strategy has nurtured the talents and leadership skills of community members, increasing their ability to impact the health and vitality of their communities in a positive, sustainable manner through collaboration, education, and communication.

The Community Capacity Building Strategy is led by the Canadian Cancer Society, BC & Yukon Division, as an initiative of the BC Healthy Living Alliance.

For more information about the Community Capacity building Strategy,
please contact Fiona Main: fmain@bc.cancer.ca

Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC):

SPARC BC is passionate about working with people for a just and healthy society, at the policy level and the grass roots. Through 43 years of experience in addressing quality-of-life issues, such as accessible housing and adequate incomes, and providing the Parking Permit Program for People with Disabilities, we are a knowledgeable leader and collaborator in research, advocacy, and community development. Proud to be an independent charity working across BC, we are eager to connect with others who are working for positive change.

For more information about SPARC BC, please contact
Lorraine Copas: lcopas@sparc.bc.ca or visit our website at www.sparc.bc.ca.

Capacity Development Consortium

The Capacity Development Consortium of British Columbia (CDC) is an association of non-government and government organizations that are committed to excellence in the practice of community capacity development in British Columbia. As an informal association, the CDC is inclusive and constantly evolving to meet the interests of member organizations. Our mission is to improve community well-being through mutual learning, co-operation and partnership development. The CDC meets quarterly. Membership on the Capacity Development Consortium currently includes:

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- BC Healthy Communities;
- BC Housing;
- Canadian Community Economic Development Network;
- Canadian Executive Services Organization;
- Canadian Rural Partnership;
- Capacity Building Strategy - an initiative of the BC Healthy Living Alliance (Canadian Cancer Society);
- Center for Non-Profit Development;
- Centre for Innovative and Entrepreneurial Leadership;
- Centre for Non-Profit Management;
- Centre for Sustainability;
- Columbia Basin Trust;
- Community Foundations of Canada;
- First Nations Technology Council;
- Fraser Basin Council;
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada;
- Integrative Learning Institute;
- Minerva Foundation;
- Ministry of Health;
- Ministry of Rural and Community Development;
- PeerNet BC;
- Provincial Health Services Authority;
- Service Canada;
- Social Planning and Research Council of BC;
- Vancouver Foundation;
- Voluntary Organizations Consortium of BC;
- Volunteer BC;
- Volunteer Vancouver;
- Western Economic Diversification Canada.

For more information about the Capacity Development Consortium, please contact Scott Graham:
sgraham@sparc.bc.ca.

Community Social Planning Network of BC (CSPN BC)

The Community Social Planning Network of BC (CSPN BC) is a network that exists to support the activities of community social planning organizations in BC. CSPN BC has organized two provincial conferences (2005 & 2008) as well as a number of regional events, and has been active in supporting an email list of individuals interested in issues related to community social planning. The Community Social Planning Network has been active in advocating for sustainable funding to support community social planning activities in communities across BC. SPARC BC administers the network and works with a provincial steering committee with representatives from a number of social planning organizations (Comox Valley Social Planning Society, Community Planning Council of Prince George, Nelson Social Planning Action Network, Quesnel Child Youth and Family Network) to establish goals and priorities.

For more information about the CSPN BC please contact
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2. Conference Background

The Community Developers' Conference was born out of conversations among members of the Capacity Development Consortium (CDC). The conference concept was refined through the thoughtful contributions of the Conference Working Group:

- Juliet Correia (Juliet Correia Consulting)
- Pamela Reddy (BC Housing)
- Lucie Honey-Ray (Centre for Non-Profit Development)
- Leslie Kemp (Langara College)
- Jodi Mucha (BC Healthy Communities)
- Rose Soneff (Formerly the Program Manager, BCHLA's Community Capacity Building Strategy)
- Jim Sands (SPARC BC)
- Trevor Hancock (Ministry of Health)
- Scott Graham (SPARC BC)
- Eric Kowalski (Interior Health)
- Cheryl Hewitt (PeerNet BC)
- Brandon Hughes (Canadian Rural Partnership)

The Conference Working Group selected the timing and location of the conference and articulated the following overarching goals for the Community Developers' Conference:

- Increase the skills and knowledge of community leaders to engage in community development work
- Facilitate knowledge exchange among peers about community development strategies
- Strengthen connections between community leaders across BC through networking and interactive learning activities

These three objectives were used to design the conference program that is articulated on the following pages.

If you have any questions about the Community Developers' Conference please contact Joan D'Angola at SPARC BC.
You can reach Joan by calling (604) 718-7757 or through email at jdangola@sparc.bc.ca

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3. Conference Program

The Community Developers' Conference is a gathering of grass roots community development organizers, social development and health professionals, funders, researchers, and policy analysts.

The Conference provides a dynamic forum for learning and engagement in the multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral field of community development in BC. It includes a diverse combination of workshops, panel discussions, networking sessions, film, open space, social media and graffiti wall opportunities. There will also be some free time for conference delegates to enjoy their experience on the UBC campus.

3.1. Monday: May 17, 2010

9:00am – 4:00pm (Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC)

Community Economic Development Workshop:

Delivered by SFU's Centre for Sustainable Community Development

Session Facilitator: Nicole Chaland (SFU)

(Subject to funding and open only to delegates from rural and northern communities)

- The Community Economic Development (CED) certificate program at Simon Fraser University is offering this full day workshop on community economic development. This intensive skill building CED workshop will enable participants from rural and northern BC to learn new ways to make their communities and economies more resilient by drawing on their own resources and interests, as well as focus on opportunities to collaborate with government, business and the non-profit sector in economic development initiatives. Participants will also learn how to utilize community economic development principles and processes to create economic opportunities.

Opening Reception and Registration: Meet and Mingle 7:00 – 9:00pm (Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC)

- Conference delegates will gather in the Golden Jubilee Room at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre and enjoy appetizers and networking activities. The opening reception will include dialogue as well as a graphic facilitation exercise.

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3.2. Tuesday: May 18, 2010

8:00am – 9:00am (First Nations Long House)

Registration and Breakfast

- Delegates will register, collect their conference materials and eat a continental breakfast.

9:00am – 9:15am (First Nations Long House)

Welcoming

- Larry Grant, Elder in Residence at the First Nations Long House will welcome conference delegates with Cathy Adair of the Canadian Cancer Society and Derek Gent of SPARC BC.

9:15am – 10:15am (First Nations Long House)

Opening Plenary: Stories of Community Transformation

Facilitators: Rose Soneff (Interior Health) and Cathryn Wellner (Storyteller)

- The plenary session will provide a space for community development leaders to share their stories about how they have catalyzed change in their communities. Panelists will explore the conditions for inclusive and transformative community change, focusing on community-based issues and strategies that involve social, cultural, health, economic, and environmental dimensions.

10:15am – 10:30am: Morning Break

10:30am – 12:00pm: Concurrent Workshops

Learning4aChange

Session Facilitator: Anne Docherty (Storytellers' Foundation)

- After talking with hundreds of community based practitioners, we have concluded that learning is not valued in community work even in organizations that hold a change mandate. And yet we are discovering how learning is critical to doing something different. This session will share some of our discoveries about learning, active citizenship and social change. We will also share tools that have been used to engage people and populations that have been marginalized in conversations about the issues that impact their lives. We will introduce you to the Learning4aChange website and will invite your theories and experiences on using learning to create intentional change.

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Community Building through Culture

Part 1: African Drumming – Boosting Health and Community Spirit through Rhythm
Session Facilitator: Lyle Povah (MusicWorks)

- Rhythm and music, and in particular African drumming, can have a direct and positive impact on a person's mood, sense of well-being and connection to themselves and others. The African drum's evocative nature will allow us to explore rhythm as a pathway for building community spirit. This fun and interactive workshop involves playing drums and percussion instruments from around the world, as well as exploring how this shared creative activity can reconnect us to our innate sense of rhythm. We will gather in a drum circle within which there is potential to teach us about community, intergenerational learning, team building, spirituality, mentoring, wellness, respect for different cultures, and promoting peaceful interaction between people from all walks of life. The drum circle is accessible, even for people with mobility challenges and is beginner friendly as well as inclusive of all ages and skill levels.

Part 2: A Community for Every Voice
Session Facilitator: Tina Filippino (Letz Sing Community Choir)

- "If you can walk you can dance. If you can talk you can sing." (*African proverb*). Every week there are new scientific studies verifying what we already know, singing regularly is good for us and helps to create a general sense of well being. Singing together regularly has been proven to promote psychological and physiological benefits for the individual, as well as helping to create and promote social connectedness and a sense of community within the group. The key to all inclusive singing is to congregate in a secure non-judgmental and encouraging context where the focus is not on individual voices but rather the larger voice created when people exercise deep listening and join their voices in harmony. In this portion of the workshop you will be given the opportunity to experience the simple joy and sense of community that comes from people learning and singing together. With a focus on listening skills, you will learn melodies, harmonies, chants and rounds from a diversity of origins all taught in the oral tradition of call and response. This workshop is designed to include every voice and accommodate all levels of singing abilities.

Pathways for Community-Based Decision Making: Towards Consensus and Beyond
Session facilitator: TBC

- How does your group or organization make decisions? There are a range of models available to support local decision-making. This workshop provides participants with an overview of effective and inclusive tools to support decision making in small groups and non-profit organizations. The different tools and techniques related to the session will be discussed, as well as the outcomes achieved through the different processes. A list of resources for decision making will be available to all workshop participants.

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Community Mapping Techniques: Exploring Diverse Approaches

Panel Members: Maeve Lydon (Office of Community Based Research, University of Victoria), Wendy Pederson (Carnegie Centre Action Project, Vancouver), and EJ Shu (UBC)

- Community mapping can help people record and analyze information which is otherwise difficult to do verbally. It is less reliant upon language, spelling or other literacy skills, but it can still ensure that people's views are recorded and that relevant geographical data is retained. This powerful and diverse method for making sense of how one's community works is being used across the province of BC with noteworthy results. This panel of leaders in the field of community mapping will provide conference participants with an engaging overview of different resources and approaches available to current and future community mappers.

Where Does Policy Come from and Who Makes It?: A Multi-Sector Exploration of Policy Development

Session Facilitators: Mary Collins (BC Healthy Living Alliance) and Lorraine Copas (SPARC BC)

- Effective policy making is one of the most important activities of government and non-government agencies. Policy work is generally designed to improve decision making, explain why things need to change, facilitate a focus on what is important, manage risks and entitlements, strengthen relationships and build capacity. Policy making is a continuous and complex task that is evidence based. In most cases, policy making can be described at three congruent and connected levels, ranging from the most general to the most specific. Workshop leaders will explore concrete examples of how policy is made and changed at the following three levels: (a) directional level policy (i.e., broad statements that signal the major priorities of an organization); (b) strategic level that describe the actions that will be taken in pursuit of the major policy directions (i.e., statements that define the goals, outputs, outcomes and milestones); and (c) operational level policies that are more specific and narrow in scope and that are typically collected in manuals, handbooks and other resources.

12:00pm – 1:00pm: Lunch

- Conference delegates will return to the First Nations Long House for lunch.

1:00pm – 2:30pm: Concurrent Workshops

Youth Leadership and Engaging Youth in Decision Making

Session Facilitators: Romi Chandra Herbert and Elsie Kipp (PeerNet BC)

- PeerNetBC's interactive and dynamic workshops are structured in a way which will allow participants to learn from each other, gain knowledge through practicing skills in a safe environment, and get to know others who are experiencing similar challenges or working to address similar issues. PeerNetBC workshops draw on the knowledge within the group while introducing new ideas or new ways of thinking to help people more effectively lead or participate in small groups. In this workshop, participants will: (a) identify approaches that build trust between youth and older group members; (b) compare strategies that effectively engage youth in an organization; (c) apply peer support principles to engaging youth; and, (d) share best practices in youth engagement.

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Theatre and Community Change (Part 1)

Session Facilitator: David Diamond (Headlines Theatre)

- Using a theatrical exercise called the “Rainbow of Desire” participants will investigate the fears and desires that create blockages to communicating across a “divide”. This workshop is experiential; its richness comes from working with a symbolic language that is grounded in real life experience, peeling away layers of complexity, leading to insights that can be translated to both personal and professional circumstances.

Planning for Inclusive and Accessible Community Engagement: Towards Diversity in Decision Making

Session Facilitator: Scott Graham (SPARC BC)

- SPARC BC has recently produced a user friendly and free online toolkit that can help you plan inclusive and accessible community engagement initiatives. The toolkit is focused primarily on the use of methods for engaging population groups that have been traditionally excluded from decision making processes. The toolkit contains over 50 different methods (with links to many more) and outlines five simple steps that will help you and your organization effectively engage the people that you need to hear from and work with to support effective change in your communities.

Engaging your Community on Climate Change: An Integrated Approach to Addressing Issues

Session Facilitator: Kerri Klein (BC Healthy Communities)

- In BC, communities are moving ahead to respond to climate change. Many community leaders have recognized that effective responses to climate change go beyond the technical information related to greenhouse gas emissions. Sustainable responses to climate change need to consider changing the behaviours, attitudes, values and culture that will determine how a community chooses to respond, adapt and innovate. Comprehensive responses to climate change will require community-wide input and collaboration in problem solving. How can we engage with diverse stakeholders who have multiple perspectives on this issue? What influences engagement on climate change? Is it possible for engagement to be a profound process for personal and community empowerment as well as inform policy-making? This interactive workshop will dig deep into these questions and will introduce a framework to consider climate change and other complex issues through the lens of community engagement. This workshop will also emphasize and reinforce the importance of community engagement in building capacity for the development of resilient communities.

Social Development and Health Policy Development

Session Facilitator: Dr. Michael Hayes (Simon Fraser University)

- The use of a population health framework can help participants understand the significant inter-relationship between various public policy and social policy domains with an emphasis on health outcomes. This interactive session will engage participants in learning about some of the methods and results of social and health policy development in BC and Canada, and will include a discussion of key statistics and trends. Housing as a determinant of health and socio-economic conditions of BC's diverse populations will also be discussed.

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2:30pm – 2:45pm: Afternoon Break

- Conference delegates will return to the First Nations Long House for a healthy snack.

2:45pm – 4:15pm: Concurrent Workshops

Digital Storytelling: Getting a Handle on the Resources
Session Facilitator: Jill Atkey (SPARC BC)

- In an increasingly media-savvy world, the need to know about and, ideally, use technology in community development work is critical. This session is a tour de force through the land of digital story telling. Participants will gain an understanding of the principles of digital storytelling and learn about how community leaders in BC are using this technology to advance important public policy objectives. Participants will also learn about the types of free and low-cost options available to them for creating digital stories.

Theatre and Community Change (Part 2)
Session Facilitator: David Diamond (Headlines Theatre)

- This is the second part of the theatre and community change workshop in the previous session and will build on the insights gained in the earlier workshop. This workshop will continue to use the theatrical exercise called the "Rainbow of Desire" to encourage participants to investigate fears and desires that can create "road blocks" to communicating across a "divide". The insights gained through this workshop can be translated into both personal and professional circumstances and can help to support personal and professional learning and growth.

Community Economic Development through Cooperatives: The Why, Who and What of Co-ops
Session Facilitator: Melanie Conn

- This workshop will introduce participants to the co-op model and to the people and organizations that make it work. Participants will learn about the principles and values underpinning the co-op sector, types of co-ops, factors that are critical to success, the necessary development steps and resources and supports available.

Rural and Urban Perspectives on Integrated Community Sustainability Planning
Session Facilitators: Maureen LeBourdais (Fraser Basin Council)

- BC Municipalities are engaged in an unprecedented planning initiative entitled Integrated Community Sustainability Planning (ICSP). The ICSP is a provincial initiative which originated from the 2005 federal/provincial/UBCM Federal Gas Tax Agreement (GTA) and is closely aligned with provincial interests around climate change and the development of greener, more sustainable communities. The ICSP Initiative goes well beyond the funding opportunities of the GTA and encourages the development of partnerships within government and beyond to support the growth of community sustainability planning. This interactive session outlines some of the successes, challenges and opportunities inherent in ICSP for rural and urban communities.

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Exploring an Integral Approach to Community Development
Session Facilitator: TBC

- How do the pieces of a community development initiative fit together? An integral theoretical model can help answer this question. This workshop provides participants a unique opportunity to gain insight into the different dimensions of the integral framework. Participants will participate in exercises that build basic skills to use this analytical tool in their own theorizing and practice of community development.

4:15pm – 4:30pm: Announcements & Closing

- Delegates will return to the First Nations Long House for closing remarks from Day 1.

4:30pm – 6:00pm: Free Time

- See your UBC brochure for interesting things to do around campus, such as visit to the Museum of Anthropology and the UBC Farm.

6:00 – 7:00pm: Dinner

- Delegates who have pre-paid for dinner will eat together in the First Nations Long House. All other delegates are expected to take care of their own dinner arrangements. There are several options on campus. See your UBC brochure in your delegate package for details.

7:00pm – 9:30pm: Evening Activity

Film and Discussion: Finding Our Way: A Path to Healing Native/Non-Native Relations in Canada
Film Maker: Dr. Leonie Sandercock (UBC School of Community and Regional Planning)

- This conference activity is a very special preview of award winning film maker Leonie Sandercock's latest documentary. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in a post-film discussion about key themes that are explored through the film and to begin to discuss current-day and future relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in BC and Canada.

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3.3. Wednesday May 19, 2010

8:00am – 9:00am: Registration and Breakfast

- Delegates who are attending for only May 19th will register at the First Nations Long House. All delegates will be able to enjoy a continental breakfast.

9:00am – 9:15am: Welcoming

- After registration and breakfast, delegates will review the discussions and key themes emerging from the previous day and get oriented for the sessions on May 19th.

9:15am – 10:45am: Concurrent Workshops

Thinking Like a Network

Session Facilitator: Barb McMillan (Community Foundations of Canada)

- Addressing increasingly complex social, environmental and economic problems with limited resources can challenge us to work in more creative and strategic ways. One approach that can increase impact and sustainability is the intentional use of networks. This session will explore how voluntary sector organizations can increase their effectiveness by employing strategies such as network mapping and network listening. Group discussion, practical examples and tools will help participants to move beyond “networking” towards “thinking like a network”.

What Have we Learned? Population Health and Community Development

Session Facilitator: Rose Soneff

- This workshop will illustrate some of the new approaches being taken by organizations to address the population's health using a community development approach. What factors enable this approach to be successful and what are the challenges. How have those involved been affected? How have approaches been tailored to fit communities' needs? This workshop will provide an opportunity to interact with practitioners and share strategies. The experiences covered in this workshop will include rural and remote areas as well as urban areas experiencing growth and change within their population base including an increasing level of diversity. We invite those who work in the front lines of community development to those developing policy to be part of this discussion.

The Power of Community: Discussions with Community Change Agents

Session Facilitator: TBC

- Each community is different in terms of the types of pressures and challenges that they face and the types of solutions that might be available. This session profiles innovative strategies, approaches, and partnerships which have been adopted at the local level to respond to immediate community pressures and to begin to work toward lasting change. This session also explores the types of actions that are needed to ensure that these types of efforts can be sustained over the longer term as well as the types of partnerships and resources needed to support this change.

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Unsettling Dialogues of History & Hope: Rethinking Reconciliation

Session Facilitators: Paulette Regan (Peace Makers Trust) & Brenda Ireland (First Light Initiatives)

Today, in Canada, talk about reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people (Settlers) is everywhere – in community halls, at treaty tables, in land claims negotiations and in corporate boardrooms. Much of this talk is focused on creating legal certainty around access to lands and resources. In June 2008, the Prime Minister apologized to Indian Residential School survivors, their families and communities for the 150 years of destructive assimilation policy designed to remove the “Indian from the child”. This apology drew attention to a shameful historic reality not often discussed. As the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Canada implements its mandate to document the history and legacy of Indian Residential schools, and initiate public education strategies as well as promote truth and reconciliation events, a question can be posed: What is the role of history in reconciliation? There is a tendency to view the Residential school history as separate from land and resource based issues but, in fact, they cannot be understood in isolation. Rather, they are all part of the unresolved historical grievances that influence our relationship today. We – Indigenous peoples and Settlers - as Canadians share a complex history so what does rethinking reconciliation mean at the personal level, in communities and collectively in Canadian society?

10:45 – 11:00am: Morning Break

11:00 – 12:30pm: Plenary: A New Era of Funding?

Panel Discussion

- The availability of funding to support community development initiatives has undergone significant changes in recent years. Important initiatives that supported community-based work have been cut back or eliminated altogether. This panel discussion will look at the future of funding for community development initiatives in BC. What is the current situation? What are the challenges and where are the potential opportunities? How are new kinds of partnerships and relationships transforming the landscape? What strategies do community-based organizations need to adopt in order to sustain their work? Panelists representing a diverse range of perspectives and experiences will examine these and other questions in what promises to be an engaging and enlightening 90 minutes.

12:30 – 1:30pm: Lunch

- Conference delegates will enjoy lunch in the First Nations Long House.

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1:30 – 3:30pm: Concurrent Sessions

Community Social Planning Network of BC

Session Facilitator: Jim Sands and Lorraine Copas

- The Community Social Planning Network of BC (CSPN BC) is a network that exists to support the activities of community social planning organizations in BC. This workshop will explore the history and evolution of social planning in BC, discuss shared priorities and needs as well as identify some of the potential strategies, approaches and resources that are needed to help build and sustain the sector going forward.

Next Steps for Supporting the Development of a Population Health Perspective in BC

(For Health Authority Representatives only)

Facilitators: Rose Soneff and Claire Gram

- It has been demonstrated that there is an important relationship between health and other social outcomes. This session begins to explore more fully some of the research and the evidence as it relates to the needs of different sectors of the community and different population groups. The session will explore the research evidence as well as begin to discuss the implications in terms of the types of policies and actions needed across all levels of government.

From Bureaucratise to Evaluate: Putting Fun and Evaluation in the Same Sentence

Session Facilitator: LeeAnn Regan

- The field of evaluation is known for being full of intimidating terms and rules. The focus of this session is to take the edge off evaluation, making it fun and user friendly. Take control of your program evaluation with confidence and ease. Learn a variety of participatory techniques that will allow you to engage your stakeholders and to collaborate in developing useful, feasible and educational outcomes that can inform your future planning decisions. The workshop will begin to answer questions like: Why do an evaluation? When should one use an evaluation? Who should be involved? What are the different methods or approaches that can be used? This workshop will also provide participants with information on ways to collect, collate and present results in a way which will help to build important relationships with your funders and stakeholders.

The Power of Partnerships: Discussions with Funders

Session Facilitator: TBD

- This workshop invites representatives across the different levels of government to discuss the power of partnerships and the types of strategies and approaches which have been adopted across different government departments and agencies to address some of the difficult social challenges and equity issues that we face in our communities and to work toward building lasting and effective solutions.

3:30pm – 4:00pm: Closing Plenary

- Conference delegates are invited to be part of the closing ceremonies at the First Nations Long House.

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3.4. Open Stream, Social Media Hub, and Graffiti Wall

Open Stream

Facilitator: Dave MacLeod (Community Capacity Building Strategy)

- The Conference will include an "Open Stream" which will allow all conference attendees to host or participate in conversational topics outside of the main agenda or that build on agenda topics. This Open Stream will be offered throughout our time together and allows space for new ideas to emerge while providing an opportunity to gather information and insight for the benefit of the entire group.

Social Media Hub

Facilitator: Lee White (Community Capacity Building Strategy)

- In the center of this conference we will set up and support a Social Media Hub which will allow participants to explore and engage emerging tools and resources. The Social Media Hub compliments the Open Stream with on site social networking tools and tutorials for conference participants. Real time social media applications will be created to support ongoing network development from emergent conversations at the conference and will include:
 - Social networking development;
 - Legacy website beta testing;
 - Photo gathering and displaying;
 - Live blogging;
 - Social media feeds.

Graffiti Wall

Facilitator: Dawn Hansen(Community Capacity Building Strategy) and Joanne Cheung (SPARC BC)

- The graffiti wall is an "off-line", physical, eye-catching space that allows participants to connect with others in a variety of ways. Graphic facilitation will capture conference themes, burning questions and new "a-ha's". Participants can post thoughts or feelings on the wall to share with others ("I'm wondering about..."). It can also be a place to invite collaboration—write a topic on a bag and hang it up. Others interested in the topic can drop in their contact information, creating the opportunity for post conference gatherings. The Wall will include:
 - Mail Bags – post a topic especially relevant to you. Others can drop in ideas and contact info. Connect further after the conference.
 - Graphic Wonders! - A wall of beauty and possibility visually representing ideas, and relationships as created by geniuses.
 - Wonder Wall: thoughts, musings, great moments, questions, feelings as doodled by fellow participants.

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4. Presenters' Short Biographies

The following list of presenter biographies is a work in progress. Additional presenter biographies will be added as information becomes available.

Jill Atkey: Jill has worked on a number of community-based research and planning initiatives. She is currently the national evaluator for a public library project exploring community development methods to reduce library access barriers for socially excluded populations in four Canadian cities. Jill was the principal investigator for an HRSDC funded project to identify labour market attachment policies and programs for homeless populations in several jurisdictions. She is currently conducting research through a United Way of the Lower Mainland grant to determine the needs of service-seeking immigrants who have been in Canada longer than five years. Jill has an M.A. (Planning) from the School of Community and Regional Planning at UBC.

Nicole Chaland: Nicole Chaland BA, Grd Cert. CED, is the BC/Yukon Coordinator for Canadian Community Economic Development Network and Program Director for Simon Fraser University Certificate Program for Community Economic Development (CED) Professionals. Nicole also teaches CED Approaches to Affordable Housing for this certificate program. She is a co-op activist and educator who worked in the Philippines learning co-operative development and community building from her peers in the social economy in the Philippines. Upon returning to Canada, she continued to work in the co-operative sector as a researcher at the BC Institute for Co-operative Studies. She is a founding member of Roofs and Roots Housing Co-op which converts private rental buildings to co-operative ownership and green buildings over time. For the last five years Nicole has worked with the Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet), initially as the research coordinator who coordinated the first national survey of CED organizations across Canada. She regularly gives workshops on a wide range of CED and housing related topics, and also taught a CED course in Brazil in 2002. Nicole co-authored CED in Canada: Review of Definitions and Profile of Practice in Community Economic Development: Building for Social Change. She has a deep commitment to supporting solutions that come from communities themselves.

Melanie Conn: Melanie Conn is a long-time feminist and community activist who was born in Toronto, Ontario. Since the early 1970s Melanie has been working in the women's movement and in community economic development (CED) in Vancouver. Melanie was an instructor at the Centre for Sustainable Community Development at Simon Fraser University from 1997-2006. Until recently she was the Director of SFU's Certificate Program for CED Professionals which she designed in response to the need for non-credit professional development opportunities for people working in CED. Melanie is a member of Devco, a co-operative of consultants. As a co-op developer and practitioner, she has provided technical and other development assistance for dozens of new co-ops. She also designs and delivers train-the-trainer programs and other curriculum related to co-operatives. Melanie is a founding member and director of Common Thread, an innovative co-op that provides marketing and production services for sewing social enterprises. She is also a founding member and director of the Women's Economic Council and on the board of Genuine Progress Index-Pacific.

Lorraine Copas: Lorraine Copas joined SPARC BC in December 2009 as the Executive Director. Prior to joining SPARC BC, Lorraine worked as the senior housing planner for Metro Vancouver where she was responsible for leading the development and implementation of the Region's Affordable Housing Strategy. Lorraine was also the Manager of Housing Policy and Research for the City of Toronto and the Manager of Research and Corporate Planning for BC Housing. Lorraine has

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extensive knowledge and experience working in the areas of research, social policy, and affordable housing, as well as experience in the non-profit and government sectors. Her experience includes performance measurement, evidence-based research and program evaluation as well as community-based research on a broad range of topics including housing stability, family well-being, community and stakeholder engagement, and policies on housing, income and social mix.

David Diamond: David was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and is a 1975 BFA graduate of the University of Alberta. He was a founding member of Vancouver's Headlines Theatre (1981) and has been Artistic Director since 1984. David has directed approximately 450 community-specific projects on issues such as racism, civic engagement, violence, addiction, street youth, intergenerational conflict and homelessness. He has worked throughout Canada, the USA and Europe, as well as in Namibia, New Zealand, Australia, Brazil and Singapore, and has pioneered the development of live, interactive Forum television and web casting. He is the originator of Theatre for Living, a merging of Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed, and his own life-long interest in systems theory. Theatre for Living recognizes communities are complexly integrated living organisms and invites them to engage in constructive social change, moving from various forms of violence to respectful engagement. David is the recipient of numerous awards, including the City of Vancouver's Cultural Harmony Award, the Jessie Richardson Award for Innovation in Theatre, an Honorary Doctorate from the University of the Fraser Valley and the Otto René Castillo Award for Political Theatre. He is the author of Theatre for Living: the art and science of community-based dialogue (winner of the American Alliance of Theatre and Education 2008 Distinguished Book Award).

Anne Docherty: Anne Docherty leads research and development for Storytellers' Foundation in Hazelton. Storytellers' Foundation uses community development learning, grassroots organizing and advocacy to ensure that those citizens usually marginalized are engaged in building social, cultural and economic assets. Current focus areas include sustainable backyards, a grassroots campaign to protect wild salmon, the testing of a solidarity cooperative for young adults, and an informal learning centre that fosters solidarity, engagement and social capital. Anne also coordinates Rural Roots. People in this network support each other to use a comprehensive approach to social, cultural, economic and political development in their community. Rural Roots members live in remote-rural and/or aboriginal communities.

Tina Filippino: Tina launched the Letz Sing Community Choir in the Comox Valley in the winter of 2004 with the support of the federal Community Futures Program. The choir averages over 150 singers who gather each week to sing just for the fun of it. There is no performance commitment. Letz Sing is an inclusive community welcoming every voice and every ability. Tina was trained by Shivon Robinsong and Denis Donnelly of the Getting Higher Choir of Victoria. Letz Sing is part of the UBUNTU Network of community choirs which believe that "the joy of singing is a universal birthright, and that together, regardless of musical background, we can help improve the world by joining voices in song." As well as leading weekly choir sessions, Tina has been promoting community singing by leading song at; community events; staff in-service school assemblies, workshops and conferences.

Scott Graham: Scott is actively engaged in a diverse range of research and community development projects in the fields of education, health and local governance. He has published peer-reviewed articles on educational theory and guidebooks on community development methods. Most recently, Scott led a research project commissioned by the Canadian Council on Social Development to examine poverty and poverty reduction policies in BC. He also co-authored an assessment of the Metro Vancouver Homeless Count Methodology through a grant from HRSDC. He

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has served as a co-investigator on several community-based participatory action projects, including a recent Canadian Council on Learning project that integrated St'át'imc knowledge systems into K-12 schools in Lillooet. His ongoing interest is to co-develop community based education, research and planning initiatives across BC that advance the social justice agenda. He is currently working as Manager of Research and Consulting at the Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC BC). Scott holds a M.A. in Theory and Policy Studies in Education from the University of Toronto.

Michael Hayes: Dr. Hayes is Professor and a founding member of the new Faculty of Health Sciences at SFU. His research interests involve social geographies of health, health inequities, disability, and public policy. He has published over 60 academic papers and reports and has co-edited three books. He and Professor Graham Moon founded the journal *Health and Place* (Elsevier) and he was North American editor until the end of 2003. He was a non-governmental representative on the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Advisory Committee on Population Health from 2001 until 2006 and is a non-governmental representative on the Public Health Agency of Canada's Network on Population Health Promotion. He is a regular key-note speaker at public health conferences and workshops across Canada.

Romi Chandra Herbert: Romi is in good company amongst the diverse South Asian diaspora in Canada. Seeking refuge from multiple coups in Fiji, Romi's family fled in 1989 to a new home in Canada. As a result, social justice practices and community mobilizing became central to his day-to-day life. At seventeen, Romi helped establish the very first Gay/Straight Alliance in BC at his high school in Maple Ridge. Romi feels he has much to gain in advocating for and with young people to be the key decision-makers on any issue that affects their lives. Romi has worked with PeerNetBC for three years as a Youth Community Developer. Previously, Romi worked with at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Centre; at the North Shore Multicultural Society as the coordinator of immigrant and refugee programs; and at Vancouver Coastal Health's Addiction and Prevention Services as the coordinator of an adolescent sexual health program, *Condomania/Planetahead*. Romi has co-authored 4 publications: HRSDC's guide for queer youth employment (1999); *PrideSpeak* (2004), a guide to presenting anti-homophobia workshops; the Community Based Research Centre's *Totally Outright* (2004) course content development team; and *Evolve: No One Gets Left Behind* (2007), a train-the-trainers anti-oppression manual.

Brenda Ireland, MA (History, University of BC, 1995) is President of First Light Initiatives, a company specializing in community development and education strategies primarily for First Nations communities. Her most recent work, "Moving from the Head to the Heart – "The Indian's Canada Problem" in *Reclaiming the Learning Spirit: Aboriginal Learners in Education*" (2009) was produced for the Canadian Council on Learning's Aboriginal Learning Knowledge Centre. The report identifies key principles and values integral to developing effective lifelong education strategies for Indigenous learners. Drawing on international literature on decolonization and anti-racism, the report makes recommendations to enhance the learning experience and success of Indigenous learners in educational institutions and communities. Brenda is trained as an international human rights facilitator and sits on the Board of Directors for the BC Human Rights Coalition.

Elsie Kipp: Elsie grew up in Yale, BC, within the Yale First Nation, wanting to be the News Editor for the New York Times! To support this plan, she went to Calgary to earn a BA in Communications with a major in Journalism. But instead of a career in journalism, Elsie got involved in various human rights issues and developed a passion for politics. In 2000, Elsie moved to Vancouver to continue working for social causes. Voluntarism, especially with organizations that promote social justice and community building, plays an important role in Elsie's life. She is especially passionate about helping young people understand the important contributions they can make in their communities. Elsie has coordinated PeerNetBC's

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youth initiative, Kinex, for the past 3.5 years. Earlier, she worked at Co-op Radio and Volunteer Vancouver, coordinated the Dialogue Program for the youth of the Sto:lo Nation, and promoted post-secondary education throughout rural BC for the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Kerri Klein: Kerri is currently is the Provincial Facilitator for BC Healthy Communities (BCHC), a provincial initiative focused on supporting the healthy citizen and community development. Kerri offers capacity building support to communities by convening spaces for collective inquiry, meaningful dialogue and problem solving across disciplines. Most recently, she has been focusing on community engagement around climate change and has been delivering "Climate Action Bootcamps" to local governments across BC. Kerri is also the Coordinator of the Conversation on Climate Change, a new deliberative engagement initiative that is part of the Climate Justice Project and hosted by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and the Columbia Institute. She also is an associate with Sustainability Solutions Group (SSG), a national consulting cooperative that develops unique, creative strategies for ecologically, economically and socially responsible decision-making and action. Kerri has a B.Sc. in Environmental Studies and a Certificate in Community Economic Development. She lives in Vancouver, BC.

Barbara McMillan: Barbara is Community Foundations of Canada's Director of Regional Strategies, as well as national consultant on Youth in Philanthropy. She has worked in grantmaking and social development for over 25 years, and is currently focusing on organizational development, network management and effectiveness, and fostering strategies for collaboration. Barbara also developed and teaches courses in grant and proposal writing for British Columbia Institute of Technology's certificate program in Fundraising Management, and writes and presents on topics such as youth engagement, organizational storytelling, governance and planning, and networks for change. She holds a BA in Communications from Simon Fraser University and a Masters of Management Degree (National Voluntary Sector Leaders) from McGill University. Barbara serves on a number of boards and advisory committees, including the PLAN Institute for Caring Citizenship and Vancity Community Foundation, as well as the YouthScape National Advisory Committee.

Lyle Povah: Lyle and MusicWorks' mission is to provide people and communities with rhythm and music events that inspire and motivate. Lyle leads rhythm-based events internationally and uses African drumming, singing and movement for community and team building, and as an instrument to promote wellness, offering programs in conference, hospital, child and adult mental health, youth-at-risk, intergenerational, corporate, corrections and community settings. The work is presented in many forms: educational forums, keynote addresses, retreats, executive development programs, teacher programs, clinics, community events, drum circles and in informal and fun music sessions. Lyle has led a soon-to-be-published 6 month African Drumming research study at St. Paul's Hospital in the In-Patient Eating Disorders Program. He is on the faculty at the Haven Institute and works regularly for the UBC Sauder School of Business. Lyle has shared music with children at BC's Children's Hospital for 20 years and leads the longest running weekly Community Drum Circle in Canada. He has a private practice using sound to promote wellness and lives in Vancouver, British Columbia.

LeeAnn Regan: LeeAnn holds a M.Ed., B.SW, and is the President of Rock.Paper.Scissors (www.rpsinc.ca), which is Vancouver's award winning international training and entertainment company that works with organizations to improve their effectiveness by using innovation and improvisation to help staff grow and develop. Lee-Anne's evaluation and cross-cultural work has taken her worldwide. From working with the United Nations doing peace building training in Brazil, China and East Africa to program evaluation work in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside you'll never know where she'll turn up next. Recently she designed and delivered a five day highly interactive program evaluation training for UN staff in

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several East African countries for the United Nations, which involved dodging monkeys by day and hippos by night. With over 19 years experience designing and delivering training in the corporate and not-for-profit sectors, she deftly adapts workshops to meet client's specific needs. Lee-Anne has won several awards including Entrepreneur of the Year, Business in Vancouver's 40 under 40 and the Abhi Ahluwalia Cross-Cultural Conflict Resolution Award. She will have you laughing, learning and leading in no time. In fact while she can't promise you'll laugh all the way to the bank, she does promise a memorable return on your investment.

Paulette Regan, PhD (Indigenous Governance Program, University of Victoria, 2006) is a Senior Program Advisor for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Her forthcoming book "Unsettling the Settler Within: Indian Residential Schools, Truth-telling and Reconciliation in Canada" (Fall 2010, UBC Press) documents her learning experiences as an Indigenous ally and explores the pedagogical potential of truth and reconciliation processes as decolonizing, transformative, and liberatory sites of truth, resistance and critical hope. She volunteers as a consulting director with Peacemakers Trust, a Canadian non-profit organization that provides resources for research, education and training in local and global conflict transformation, peace-building, and reconciliation. <http://www.peacemakers.ca/>

Leonie Sandercock: Leonie Sandercock joined the School of Community & Regional Planning at UBC in July 2001 and served as Director of the School from July 2006 to November 2007. Her current research interests including immigration, cultural diversity and integration; participatory planning, democracy, and information and communication technologies; fear and the city, particularly as this relates to 'fear of the other'; the possibilities of a more therapeutic model of planning; the importance of stories and storytelling in planning theory and practice; and the role of multimedia in planning. Leonie was Professor and Head of Graduate Urban Studies at Macquarie University in Sydney from 1981-1986, before moving to Los Angeles where she had two careers, one in screenwriting, the other teaching in the Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning at UCLA, both of which were life-transforming experiences. In 2005 Leonie received The Dale Prize for Excellence in Urban & Regional Planning, awarded by the Department of Urban & Regional Planning at California State Polytechnic University. The 2005 Dale Prize theme was "Voices in Planning: Transforming Land Use Practice through Community Engagement". Also in 2005 Leonie received The Davidoff Award, from the American Collegiate Schools of Planning. This is a biennial award for the best book in the field of urban, regional, and community planning, in the spirit of the ideals of the late Paul Davidoff concerning social justice and equity, for *Cosmopolis 2: Mongrel Cities of the 21st Century* (London & NY: Continuum, 2004). In March 2007 Leonie received the BMW Group Award for Intercultural Learning for her writing on *Cosmopolitan Urbanism* and for her collaboration with Vancouver's Collingwood Neighbourhood House, with whom she shared first prize.

Jim Sands: Jim is a Project Coordinator for the Social Planning and Research Council of BC with extensive experience in the non-profit sector. He has worked as a project coordinator and volunteer coordinator for a variety of organizations supporting seniors, people with disabilities, homelessness service providers and other groups, and has facilitated workshops on partnership building, social planning and collaboration across sectors in over 35 communities across BC. He has also researched and written on a variety of issues including health, disability, and media issues, and has developed and facilitated educational programs for a variety of audiences.

Rose Soneff: Rose is a Community Nutritionist with the Interior Health (IH) authority with a strong interest in Community Development and Capacity building. She was recently seconded as the Program Manager for the Community Capacity



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Building Strategy, an initiative of the BC Healthy Living Alliance, led by the Canadian Cancer Society, from 2007 to 2010. Prior to that, she was the Leader, Community Development for an IH project called Community Action for Health, addressing risk factors through a CD approach, at the sub regional level. She has a passion for food security, reducing child poverty and environmental issues.

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5. Conference at a Glance

Monday, May 17, 2010					
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Community Economic Development Workshop: SFU Centre for Sustainable Community Development (subject to funding) RURAL AND NORTHERN PARTICIPANTS ONLY				
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Opening Reception – Meet with participants in an informal setting. Light snacks, conversation, and networking activities.				
Tuesday, May 18, 2010					
8:00 am	Registration and continental breakfast				
9:00 am	Conference Welcome				
9:15 am	Opening Plenary: Stories of Community Transformation: How have communities in BC dealt with community issues Facilitators: Rose Soneff (Interior Health), Cathryn Wellner (Freelance Storyteller)				
10:15 am	Break				
Tuesday, May 18, 2010 Workshop Sessions					
10:30 am	Learning4aChange (Storyteller's Foundation)	Building Community Through Culture (MusicWorks and Letz Sing Community Choir)	Pathways for Community-Based Decision Making: Toward Consensus and Beyond (Presenter TBC)	Community Mapping Techniques (UVIC and Carnegie Community Action Project)	Where Does Policy Come from and Who Makes It?: A Multi-Sector Exploration of Policy Development (BCHLA and SPARC BC)
Noon	Lunch				
1:00 pm	Youth Leadership and Engaging Youth in Decision Making (PeerNet BC)	Theatre and Community Change (part 1) (Headlines Theatre)	Planning for Inclusive and Accessible Community Engagement: Toward Diversity in Decision Making (SPARC BC)	Engaging your Community on Climate Change (BC Healthy Communities)	Social Development and Health Policy Development (Dr. Michael Hayes, SFU)
2:30 pm	Break				

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2:45 pm	Digital Storytelling: Getting a Handle on the Resources (SPARC BC)	Theatre and Community Change (part 2) (Headlines Theatre)	Community Economic Development through Cooperatives (Melanie Conn, Devco)	Rural and Urban Perspectives on Integrated Community Sustainability Planning (City of Richmond and Fraser Basin Council)	Exploring an Integral Approach to Community Development (Presenter TBC)
6:00 pm	Dinner for delegates who pre-paid during online conference registration				
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Film and Discussion: Finding Our Way: A Path to Healing Native/Non-Native Relations in Canada Dr. Leonie Sandercock (UBC, School of Community and Regional Planning)				
Wednesday, May 19, 2010					
8:00 am	Registration and continental breakfast				
9:00 am	Welcome				
9:15 am	Thinking Like a Network (Community Foundations of Canada)	What Have We Learned?: Population Health and Community Development (Interior Health)	The Power of Community: Discussions with Community Change Agents	Unsettling Dialogues of History & Hope: Rethinking Reconciliation (Paulette Regan and Brenda Ireland)	
10:45 am	Break				
11:00 am	A new era of funding?: Panel discussion on the future of funding to support community development initiatives				
12:30 pm	Lunch				
1:30 - 3:30 pm	Community Social Planning: What is the future of Social Planning in BC? (CSPN)	Engaging Research and Exploring Directions: Next Steps for Population Health in BC (Vancouver Coastal and Interior Health Authorities: For Health Authority representatives only)	The Power of Partnerships: Discussions with Funders	From Bureaucrat to Evaluate: Putting Fun and Evaluation in the Same Sentence (LeeAnn Regan, Rock, Paper, Scissors)	
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Closing				