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1. Profile: Youth In Charge



YIC Training Sessions in Surrey, BC.

By all accounts CCEDNET's Youth in Charge program is off to a good start in its rural communities in B.C. Designed to engage young B.C. residents in CED, the goal of the Youth in Charge program is to create an action plan with community stakeholders that will enable young people to create economic opportunities in their local areas.

The program kicked off with its Train the Trainer session in Surrey in June. The weekend workshop, hosted by the Pacific Community Resource Centre in Surrey, prepared two youth each from four rural communities and three urban communities in CED and in facilitating their own workshops.

"The training in Surrey provided me with the skills to find and inform the youth, and hopefully some will see the importance of youth driven CED and how their participation can lead to real change," commented Harlie Myshrrall from the Haida Gwaii team. "I also feel like the four day training was enough to allow me to be capable of preparing for my own workshop and facilitating a conversation on youth driven CED."

Returning to their home communities the youth have been busy hosting workshops of their own and engaging youth in the communities to get involved in the process.

The Haida Gwaii team hosted their first workshop on July 17. The group of ten youth that gathered learned about CED, played the social inclusion role

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playing game, brainstormed and completed a S.W.O.T. to determine the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for their community. The team was very pleased with how the first workshop went and is looking positively towards the future.

"My expectations are that we will have a few youth come on board and run with one of the ideas they've identified," commented Harlie. "The youth feel keen because they see a lot of gaps in opportunities for themselves here."

In Chetwynd, another northern B.C. community, Leah Stender and Maggie Gilbert working with the Chetwynd Social Planning Society hosted the first workshop on July 21, which included a number of local youth and other community representatives. The group also did a S.W.O.T. analysis and came up with a number of issues for youth in Chetwynd. Some possible projects that were identified were a mentoring program involving local business owners or a youth employment centre that would connect youth to employment, connect high school students to what they need to do to accomplish their goals and help unmotivated youth find out what is holding them back.

Youth all over B.C. are getting involved with CED and learning about new ways they can participate in their home communities. There are many steps still to go, but hopefully the youth can learn how to help affect their own change.

Thanks to Maggie Gilbert for this story

CCEDNet Important Announcements

CCEDNet is Recruiting for Two Positions

Application Deadline is Wednesday, August 6th

Follow these links to apply.

1. [CCEDNet Local Learning Events Coordinator Winnipeg, MB](#)
2. [CCEDNet National Learning Events Coordinator Winnipeg, MB](#)

2. CCEDNet Publications

Profile of Ma Mawi's Aboriginal Y.O.U.T.H. Gathering

The Aboriginal Y.O.U.T.H. (Youth Organized United Together Healing) Gathering, held in Winnipeg's inner-city in March 2007, gave Aboriginal youth the opportunity to "turn their voices into action." With the guidance of the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre (Ma Mawi), seven youth were teamed up with experienced mentors to plan and host a conference that sought to foster a sense of Aboriginal identity, act as a forum for Aboriginal youth to express their ideas and needs, synthesize these needs into a policy plan for government and other decision makers, and enable Aboriginal youth to advocate and act for change.

This Profile is the result of the commitment to community capacity building that Ma Mawi uses, and their invitation to the Canadian CED Network to join one of their initiatives as an observer in order to tell their story for the purposes of sharing their experience, learning from practice, and inspiring others. [Download a copy of this profile from the CCEDNet website](#)

3. CED Tools

Nova Scotia Grade 9 CED Curriculum

Nova Scotia students now have the opportunity to learn about CED as part of their grade nine social studies course 'Atlantic Canada in the Global Community'. Commissioned by Nova Scotia Economic Development, a special curriculum supplement has been developed to introduce students to the concept of CED and its place in Nova Scotia's history. It also encourages them to get involved in the development of their own communities.

For lesson plans, assessments, resources and more, check out the curriculum at http://ced.gov.ns.ca/main/ced_educ/grade9/grade9.htm

4. National News and Events

A Letter from the Rupert Downing, Departing Executive Director of CCEDNet



When Canadians get together to work on making their communities a better place, they inevitably focus on common issues: how to make their environments safe for themselves and their children; how to create good jobs and economic futures; and how to ensure everybody has a decent home.

Over the last year, CCEDNet has played a vital role in supporting the efforts of thousands of Canadians all over the country who are taking action on these issues. In rural communities in the Northwest of BC, we helped resource Rural Roots, an action plan for rural revitalization. At our conference in St. John's, several hundred people participated – each bringing home shared strategies of '*Building Communities on a Rock Foundation.*' In Winnipeg, the CED Gathering built on the energy and vision that is driving the city's grassroots urban revitalization efforts. And in Toronto, our call for a commitment to tackle and eradicate poverty drew over 300 people to dialogue with the leader of the official opposition on their commitment to a federal poverty reduction plan.

Alongside these events, CCEDNet members and staff work on partnerships to generate resources and support for innovative initiatives – in youth engagement, in demonstrating the impact of place-based poverty reduction efforts, and in 'Growing Hope' through local sustainable agriculture and food production.

As a result, a new Communities' Agenda has been born out of thousands of hours of voluntary input from people across Canada. This policy framework provides us with a common action plan to Build Fairer and Stronger Local Economies, Tackle Poverty and Homelessness, and to Invest in Sustainable Communities.

The Communities' Agenda provides a framework for achieving the environment we need in order to fulfill our vision for Canada. Our Board of Directors is finding new ways to communicate and advance our Agenda.

And we are not alone – through our international committee and networks we are connected to civil society movements on all continents with a similar agenda for building a global social or solidarity economy. As the United Nation’s Secretary-General recently articulated – *civil society is emerging as a world superpower*. CCEDNet is very much a part of that superpower’s potential to create a stronger Canada – and a better world. We hope you continue to join with us in what is surely the most important work to be done in the world today.

Sincerely, Rupert Downing

The Canadian CED Network Welcomes a New Executive Director



Dear Members and Friends of the Network,

The Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet) is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Toye as Executive Director, effective July 22, 2008. Mr. Toye succeeds Rupert Downing, who will be leaving the Network to move on to other areas of interest in the CED field.

Mr. Toye joins us after being involved with CCEDNet and the broader CED movement for many years. In his six year tenure with the Network, he played a key role in administration, policy development and management which afforded him valuable insight into the strategic planning of the Network from its inception. As Program Director, he coordinated the Pan-Canadian Community Development Learning Network research project on social inclusion and community economic development. Under Mr. Toye’s leadership, CCEDNet’s National Conference became the premier CED learning event in Canada.

On welcoming Mr. Toye back to CCEDNet, Board of Directors’ President Natasha Jackson said: “It is with great enthusiasm that we announce Mr. Toye’s appointment as the new Executive Director. His proven record of excellence with our organization, coupled with his extensive experience in the broader CED movement will ensure a perfect fit. We are confident that Mr. Toye will continue to build on the legacy which resulted from Mr. Downing’s leadership.”

Mr. Toye’s interest in the field of CED began while studying social work with Eric Shragge at McGill University. Since then, he has gained extensive experience as a CED consultant, social entrepreneur, author, lecturer, researcher and most recently, as a Policy Analyst for the Library of Parliament.

The appointment of Mr. Toye concludes more than eight (8) months of comprehensive transition planning by CCEDNet’s succession planning committee which is composed of representatives from CCEDNet’s Board of Directors, senior staff and partners. After an extensive national recruitment campaign, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the recommendation provided by the succession planning committee.

On accepting the appointment, Mr. Toye said: “I believe in the Network because I believe in its members. I am convinced that an approach which

strengthens the ability of communities to take charge of their own social, economic and environmental destiny is an essential component of sustainable social and economic policy.” Mr. Toye will be working from his office in Québec.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Toye to our organization and thanking Mr. Downing for his years of leadership and guidance with the Network.

Innovation for Social Change

Schwab Foundation’s Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award
Toronto, November 2008

[Check out the project videos](#) from last years nominees which highlight everything from creative housing options to urban tree planting to unconventional forest protection.

Packed with Tools: The Canadian Rural Partnership Website

Check out this government website with great links to tools for community based work. In the Community Decision-Making Toolkit you can find inspiring community stories, consensus building tools and much more! Check out these resources at www.rural.gc.ca/decision/index_e.phtml

CWCF Strengthening Members, Strengthening the Federation Project & worker co-op survey completed!

A thought-provoking picture of the state of the worker co-op movement, with good direction for CWCF regarding the needs and wishes of the worker co-op sector, e.g. in terms of current and potential CWCF services. Read it at www.coopzone.coop/en/node/2289

New Publication from the Canadian Cooperative Association Child Care Co-ops in Canada: A National Research Report

This report examines the situation of co-operative child care in Canada. Through research based on qualitative methods, including interviews with child care co-operative spokespersons and government officials, as well as the latest statistical data available, the report paints a complete portrait of co-op child care and provides an analysis of the enabling environment and possibilities for future development. The situation of co-operative child care in New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States is also examined and lessons drawn for possible application in Canada. [Download the Report](#)

Co-Op Sector Gears Up for Fall Lobby Campaign to Renew CDI

On June 17, Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA) Executive Director Carol Hunter, Government Affairs Director John Anderson, Conseil Canadien de la Coopération (CCC) President Michel Rouleau and Executive Director Brigitte Gagné met with Secretary of State Christian Paradis and presented him with a copy of the revised joint proposal for renewing and expanding the Co-operative Development Initiative (CDI) for a four year period beginning in April 2009.

CCA and CCC, together with their members, will be launching a joint fall campaign around the CDI renewal beginning in September 2008. CDI was extended for a one year period until March 31, 2009.

NIEEF – National Indigenous Economic Education Fund

NIEEF provides scholarship, training and research funding for students

involved in Aboriginal community economic development. This scholarship is worth \$6000 over two years.

[Click here to learn more and download an application](#)

Deadline August 22, 2008

5. Job Postings

**For the latest CED postings visit the
National and Regional job pages on CCEDNet's website**

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