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### **Emerging Leaders Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, October 15, 2009**

4:30-5:30pm BC

5:30-6:30pm Alberta

6:30-7:30pm Saskatchewan & Manitoba

7:30-8:30pm Ontario & Quebec

8:30-9:30pm Atlantic



**Present:** Ryan (co-chair), Stacia (co-chair), Émanuèle, Nicole, Sarah, Maggie, Matthew

#### **MINUTES**

1. Board Update ([Stacia](#))

- Haven't met since last EL call. Meeting with Mike to discuss EL input into strategic plan
- Naomi met with Communications sub-group to review CCEDNet's Communication Plan
  - *Stacia to connect with Naomi on strategic plan*

2. Natural Step Committee ([Émanuèle](#))

- Attended IMPACT Conference for Sustainable Development, co-sponsored by Natural Step (<http://www.thenaturalstep.org/en/canada/>)
- Expressed an interest in creating an EL committee (Youth Committee for sustainability). Good opportunity to share learning, sustainability and CED are interconnected.
- In process of trying to follow up
  - *Émanuèle will get in touch with Natural Step*

3. Check in of *CreateAction* Activities:

- Sarah: Keeping in contact with three interns. Check-in weekly with intern working for Momentum. Feeling a bit lost on guiding them.
- Matthew: Interns will have time to discuss when they meet in-person Oct 23. Encouraging them to develop a work plan for their meeting.
- Naomi: Maggie & Naomi working with 3 interns. Developing a workshop to deliver to high schools. Currently developing outline of workshop and "pitch" to send to high schools. Planning to contact through some personal contacts.
- Stacia: Working with intern at PARO, looking to deliver workshop at the university and to local high schools. Now working on CED 101 presentation. Have not communicated with other interns as often. Want to discuss how their internships are going as well.

- Matthew: Don't feel shy to contact interns. They have up to 6 hours per week for this project.
  - Nicole: A bit slow at first because unsure how to support. Better now that we've chatted - more comfortable to engage with them. One emails very frequently on project updates.
  - Émanuèle: mentoring three francophone interns. Read on blog that some were concerned about this project. Have had a few calls but have not emailed between the calls
    - ***Re-circulate EL-CreateAction buddy project work plan to mentors (Sarah, Naomi, Maggie, Stacia, Nicole, Émanuèle, Jesse, Raimi)***
4. Recruitment of new members (Membership Sub-committee)
- Still looking for EL members to join "membership committee" (Jesse??)
  - Current EL members who have expressed interest in staying on: Jesse, Maggie, Ryan, Stacia, Raimi (advisory), Nicole, Sarah, Naomi, Émanuèle. Therefore need 7 new members.
  - Have circulated previously used recruitment documents. (Potentially check in with communication committee) Everyone should help circulate.
  - May want to update orientation documents to send to new members.
    - ***Maggie, Ryan & Naomi to update recruitment materials, discuss strategy to circulate and target key demographics (e.g. francophone)***
    - ***Aim to circulate posters by Nov 1, 2009.***
    - ***Tentative date for applicants' deadline is Dec 1, 2009.***
    - ***Matthew – need a copy of the "diversity matrix"***
5. Discussion: When was the first time everybody heard of (or remembers hearing of) CED? What drew you to it? What made you think it was viable and want to participate in it? How can we use our own/each other's experiences to recruit new, excited, motivated members into our circle?
- Maggie: CCEDNet's Youth in Charge project. CED able to articulate things unable to articulate before.
  - Stacia: useful to hear what people are actually doing in CED. EL members were doing exactly what I want to be doing. Helps to give examples of work or projects.
  - Maggie: The longer I am on the committee, the more engaged I feel. Interesting to hear about all the conferences going on across Canada.
  - Sarah: Better not to use unfamiliar CED language around. I stumbled across CED and the committee from working at Momentum. So much interesting stuff evolving, really fresh and new. Makes it tough to market.
  - Stacia: work plan that Ryan did after the conference gives a good idea of EL committee.
  - Ryan: Has been interesting to learn about all the initiatives going on, including the "economic" side of CED.
6. Review of action items, Check-out and time and chair of next call
- ***Everyone to provide an update on what they dressed up as for Halloween. Pictures preferable.***
  - ***Next meeting Nov 19. Naomi chairing, Ryan taking minutes.***