

Emerging Leaders In-person Meeting Notes, May 22 and 23, 2008

I. Summary of Notes

After much discussion and re-reading of the Emerging Leaders' goals and objectives, we decided to choose two key priorities to focus on over the summer: recruitment and orientation; and internal communications. We need to recruit and orient new members, as there will be a turnover in June 2008. We also want to improve our internal communications before launching into new projects or priorities.

We created a "bike rack" (as opposed to parking lot) of other priorities to be re-assessed in the fall, when new members have joined the committee and we have improved our internal communications. We thought of organizing these items in terms of "internal to EL or external to EL" and "regional/local" or "national".

In the longer term, we decided that one of the best ways to reach our goals of promoting young people's involvement in CED and CCEDNet is to focus on outreach activities – in a sense to support CCEDNet's networking activities as they relate to "youth". We realized that the specific initiatives might be different in each region, for example in Manitoba it might be possible to launch a monthly get-together for young people interested or working in CED, however in BC we may need to start by assessing what networks and organizations are already out there.

I. Immediate Priorities (until September 2008)

1. Recruitment & Orientation (National, External)

<i>Ideas (to be developed):</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use peer learning network to help with recruitment - Build on processes used in past years (ask Alex & Farrar) - Create a package for new members that outlines current and future EL activities - During recruitment, make expectations and commitments really clear - Follow up – partner new members with existing members
<i>"Lead" Members:</i>	Laura, Vivian, Chris
<i>Timeline:</i>	July to September 2008 (start once Laura returns from Nicaragua, finish in early fall)

2. Communications – Internal (National, Internal)

<i>Ideas (to be developed):</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create a facebook group – those worried about privacy can create accounts with fake names - Choose new meeting time (perhaps changing every month) so that everyone can attend - Update EL weblog (on blogger) and website (on CCEDNet website) - Connect with peer learning network – rename (don't like the name "peer learning")
<i>"Lead" Members:</i>	Naomi, Karim, Raimi, Kate
<i>Timeline:</i>	June to September 2008

II. “Bike Rack” Priorities (re-assess in September)

Area	Activities/ Tasks (Ideas)	Regional or National?	Internal or External?
1. Outreach/ External Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote regional or local networking and learning opportunities 	Regional	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possibly use webcasts? 	Both	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold regional/local in-person discussions 	Regional	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create an association of youth organizations 	Regional	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop presentations on CED, CCEDNet & EL 	Both	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give at colleges & universities 	Regional	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop tools and handouts for these presentations 	Both	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on “four areas and four pagers” 	Both	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help showcase youth practitioners (for example, as Karim, Chris and Raimi did in their workshop on Social Enterprises where they brought in two youth organizations) 	Both	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a youth entrepreneur award 	Both	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish/ facilitate a mentorship program, job shadowing, internships 	Regional	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make better use of peer learning network 	National	External
	2. Organization & Expectations of EL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize our committee into “clusters” based on interest or regions 	National
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could create EL clusters for each region 		Both	Internal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that everyone is contributing evenly to EL activities 		National	Internal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure cohesion with CCEDNet activities, Board, Policy & mandates 		National	Internal
3. Representation on other committees:	Need EL Representatives for:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Council (a Standing Committee of CCEDNet) 	National	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigrant Community Action Network (a network of CCEDNet) 	National	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practitioner and Sector Strengthening Committee (a Standing Committee of CCEDNet) 	National	External
4. Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Mentorship Program (a CCEDNet project in Ontario) 	Regional	External
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find funding to support travel, coordinator position, projects 	Both	Both