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2007 National CED Conference



Bring It Home: Building Communities on a Rock Foundation

April 18-21, 2007

The Delta St. John's Hotel and Conference Centre
St. John's, NL

The call for session proposals is now closed; many thanks to those members who submitted proposals! We received 152 submissions from all across Canada for sessions on Aboriginal CED, Youth & CED, Technology & CED, Building Bridges, and other topics of interest. The conference will also include workshops on policy, research, women and CED, and international CED. The program

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will feature exciting speakers, engaging plenary sessions, great networking and learning opportunities, and a chance to showcase innovative CED initiatives from the Atlantic region.

Registration will be open mid-January 2007. *Mark your calendars!*

For more details, please visit the [2007 National Conference](#) page of our website.

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Federal Government Budget & Policy Changes

For several years, CCEDNet has been working to achieve changes in the Government of Canada's programs and policies for employment and training. Many of our members were negatively impacted by changes at HRSDC and Service Canada which created administrative burdens and barriers to achieving effective employment outcomes in communities.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As a result of this work, a voluntary sector advisory committee to the Minister of HRSDC has been established which seeks to address these issues and make the appropriate changes. Both CCEDNet's president and executive director have been appointed to this committee. The advisory committee has now made a submission to the federal government's *'Blue Ribbon Panel on Grants and Contributions'*. It reflects many of CCEDNet's concerns with human capital development and funding for CED.

Copies of our submissions on these issues, along with supporting documents on the committee's work, are available [here](#).

We welcome your feedback on these issues and suggestions for further action at info@ccednet-rcdec.ca.

CED and Social Inclusion

FINAL REPORT

The Pan-Canadian Community Development Learning Network, CCEDNet's 2.5 year action research project on the links between social inclusion and community economic development, is now complete. The final report is available for download [here](#).

INDICATOR AND MAPPING RESOURCES

A [report](#) on socio-economic indicator and mapping resources was prepared. This extensive report offers an introduction to using indicators and mapping, and provides brief descriptions and links to more information on over 75 research reports, guides, tools, examples and other resources from Canada, the US and around the world.

CED TOOLBOX

As part of the research, we asked practitioners to share tools and resources they found useful in developing integrated approaches to improving social and economic conditions. These have been compiled into an online, searchable [toolbox](#) that offers over 180 documents, guidebooks, videos, research reports, websites and case studies in both English and French.

To download the research products listed above, go to:
<http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca/en/pages/learningnetwork.asp>

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Quebec Social Economy Summit

Over 650 people attended two days of celebration and action planning organized by le Chantier de l'économie sociale November 16 – 17 in Montreal, Quebec. CCEDNet has a partnership agreement with le Chantier de l'économie sociale to pursue common policy objectives. CCEDNet board, committee and staff members attended the summit and participated in the discussion on building effective solidarity to pursue a social economy agenda in Canada and around the world.

For more information, visit: www.chantier.qc.ca

Youth in CED

The Youth and CED profiles and final report are available [here](#).

The Emerging Leaders (EL) Dialogue Call on Youth, CED and the Environment was successful and well-attended. Summaries of the three guest dialogue calls will be in the next EL newsletter. The Fall EL newsletter it is available on the EL site [here](#).

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CreateAction Work Experience Program



2nd intake of interns at CANDO conference, SASK, Oct. 2006

Since February, 29 young CED practitioners have had the opportunity to participate in CCEDNet's unique work experience program, *CreateAction*. Results from the program's first internships are exciting. All the interns are enhancing their employability skills and the majority of them are furthering their career in CED in Canada.

The *CreateAction* program has also been successful in having interns meet and learn about CED in Canada. Below is what interns wrote after attending the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers' Conference in Saskatoon on October 3-5:

'... when I got to meet the other interns and hear about their visions and dedication to making positive changes, I felt even more excited about social change. I am very proud to be a part of such a wonderful program with such obviously bright and dedicated people.'

- Sherry, CreateAction Intern, Edmonton, Alberta, October 2006

'... this meeting of the CCEDNet program and attending this conference were a strong affirmation that my participation in this internship was a positive choice for me

and my future.'

- David, CreateAction Intern, Abbotsford, British Columbia, October 2006

CreateAction is a Career Focus program funded by Service Canada's Youth Employment Strategy.

Call for Volunteer Mentors:

CCEDNet is recruiting volunteer mentors to support its national bilingual community economic development (CED) work experience program, *CreateAction*. In becoming a *CreateAction* mentor, you will gain experience in leadership development for CED, have an opportunity to network, build relationships and develop new partnerships, and get a fresh perspective on CED in Canada. The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2006.

For more information on CreateAction please visit our webpage at:

http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca/en/pages/Career_Focus.asp

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Winnipeg Fourth Annual CD/CED Gathering

On October 27th, 2006, Winnipeg's R.B. Russell high school was alive with the energy of over 400 people passionate about Community Development (CD) and Community Economic Development (CED). The Fourth Annual CD/CED Gathering, *Passion in Action*, brought together practitioners, community organizations, active community members, government employees, funders, educators, academics and students to learn more about CD and CED, to make connections and to share their experiences ([Read the full article](#)).

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Social Economy Research Program

Partnering with The University of Victoria's BC Institute of Co-operative Studies, CCEDNet is the co-lead of the National Research Program on the Social Economy, funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). A series of tele-learning sessions have now started to engage practitioners in the research issues and results, across the six regional "nodes" of the program. Details and audio-tapes of the sessions are available [here](#).

In addition, a proposal call has now been issued for an international research conference on the social economy: 'Building and Strengthening Communities: The Social Economy in a Changing World,' to be held in Victoria, B.C., October 22-24, 2007.

For more information, visit www.socialeconomynetwork.ca.

Advancing a CED Approach to Human Capital Development in Ontario

BACKGROUND:

In 2001, the National Policy Framework developed by CCEDNet and its membership identified a series of recommendations around social, financial and human capital development. In its 2003 [report](#), *Human Capital Development- Closing the Gaps*, CCEDNet concludes that many Canadians who experience labour market vulnerability are unable to access the government-supported human capital development services they require. It therefore proposes a series of recommendations that would ensure that more Canadians are able to access the support they need by expanding access to human capital development services using integrated, community based models.

TELE-LEARNING SESSIONS:

In December 2005, Canada and Ontario signed a Labor Market Development Agreement. One year later, the time was ripe for CED practitioners get an update on the status of the LMDA. CCEDNet Ontario organized a tele-learning session on the topic, and thirty people from across the province heard Barbara Simmons, Manager of the Transition Management Office at the Ministry of Trades, Colleges and Universities provide an update on the transfer of employment programs to the province. Jennifer Liptrot of A Commitment to Employment for Women, then spoke of the role that community stakeholders are playing in overseeing the LMDA in the province.

The [powerpoint presentations](#) and other background information on the LMDA will be available shortly on the CCEDNet website.

Here are some of the comments from our participants:

*The session gave me a large amount of information I would not have had the opportunity to learn any other way.
...the presentations were excellent and informative. A very good use of my time. Thank you.*

This tele-learning session on the LMDA was the first in a series of six sessions with topics of interest to CED practitioners which will take place between September 06 and June 07. Three of those sessions will be in English and three will be in French. The French sessions are being coordinated in partnership with Économie solidaire de l'Ontario, a francophone network of CED, social and

solidarity economy initiatives across the province.

Our next session will be in English, January 2007. Stay tuned for further details!

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New! CCEDNet and Food Sustainability

There's a war going on out there and it's all about food—growing it, processing it, transporting it, and selling it. Some figure that a food system obsessed with corporate concentration, free trade, and high tech remains the way to go. Others see the future in smaller farms and enterprises that make nourishment integral to enriching communities & to preserving the Earth. Getting hungry?

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

CCEDNet, with our partner, [Edible Strategies](#), is asking you, our members and the broader CED movement, to engage in a Canada wide discussion about food sustainability issues. There are three things you can do. They are:

1. Read the Summer 2006 Special Edition of Making Waves "Growing Hope" You can download it for free [here](#). Send comments about this issue to Nicole at nchaland@ccednet-rcdec.ca.
2. Participate in this [online discussion](#) with practitioners across the country.
3. Complete this short 10 minute survey. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=821422895000>

Your participation, thoughts and critical thinking are very important to help ensure a community voice is included in broader discussions.

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New! CCEDNet's International Committee

At the 2006 CCEDNet National Conference, a decision was made to create the CCEDNet International Committee (IC). The goal of the Committee is to strengthen CCEDNet's international engagement in community economic development and to help influence Canadian policy on international development. Committee members include representatives from the Centre for

Community Enterprise, Économie solidaire de l'Ontario, Uniterra, CUSO, and Canadian Crossroads International (CCI). Michael Lewis was appointed Chair. One of the first activities of the committee is to identify CCEDNet members who are currently engaged in international activities, and then to identify what role members would like CCEDNet to play.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

The IC is conducting a survey of CCEDNet members to understand more fully the current international engagement within the membership, and the level of interest for becoming further involved in the international sector.

To take the survey, click [here](#)



- Members of international delegation at CCEDNet 2006 National Conference

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS:

To read an article written by our partner, Uniterra, reflecting on the connection between Canadian and international CED initiatives click [here](#).

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Tools for Humanity: Member Spotlight



The Multicultural Economic, Training and Resources in Ontario (METRO) project is a small grassroots initiative of the Somali community. It is a community learning network. From summer 2005 to 2006, the project explored how a co-op can help the life of the ordinary Somali in Toronto. For the last 15-20 years in Ontario, the majority of the Somali community have been in the cycle of poverty.

"It is our experience, that despite getting Canadian education and training or accreditation in our field, that our community continues to live in the cycle of poverty," says Mohamed Maie, community trainer for METRO.

For this community, Mohamed explains, the CED process starts with community educators building a collective awareness. Read the full story [here.](#)

This story is one of a collection put together as part of CCEDNet's three-year project to engage immigrant and refugee practitioners in the CED and Co-op movements. To download *Storytelling Newcomers' Experience with CED in Canada* click [here.](#)

ICAN

The Immigrant Community Actions Network ([ICAN](#)) is an action oriented network of immigrant and refugee CED practitioners and allies. ICAN members are planning an immigrant and refugee centered CED policy dialogue to be held April 18th 2007 in St. John's, Newfoundland the day before the official start of the [National CED Conference](#).

If you want to help organise the event or make a contribution, contact Nicole at nchaland@ccednet-rcdec.ca

Welcome to New CCEDNet Staff

CCEDNet welcomes the following new staff members at our head office:

Eileen Gillette, Regional Coordinator – BC

Eileen Gillette graduated in 2006 from Simon Fraser University with a major in Communications and a certificate in Community Economic Development. While in university she worked as an educator for various youth development projects in Japan, Cambodia, China and Thailand. For the last two years, she has been a research assistant for the Centre of Expertise on Culture and Communities (a project of the Creative City Network of Canada). Eileen has been involved in a range of projects focusing on cultural indicators, community cultural development and cultural sustainability. Her research on cultural sustainability has been published in *Municipal World Magazine*, *Culturescope.ca* and *The Creative City News, Special Edition 3 Culture: Transforming Lives, Sustaining Communities*. Eileen has also been a part of various academic outreach projects and most recently coordinated *CineUrbana*, the theatre at the World Urban Forum 3. Eileen is looking forward to exploring Victoria arts scene and becoming actively involved in the CCEDNet community.

Shelley McIntosh, Bookkeeper

Shelley McIntosh arrived at bookkeeping (after some training, of course) through the circuitous route of the animation industry where she worked as technical director at the National Film Board of Canada. She also taught animation at Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, was a founding member of *Cineworks*, Vancouver's Film Co-operative, and spent the 1980s in London England as an animator. She is very much looking forward to being at CCEDNet and being part of all the facets of this amazing matrix of energy.

Richard Chamberlain, Financial Manager

Richard Chamberlain has worked as an accountant and financial advisor for over 35 years in both the voluntary and private sectors. During that time he served many diverse organizations including the Hollyhock Educational Center, the Tides Canada Foundation and Happy Planet Juice Company. When not "balancing the books", Richard practices as a Registered Acupuncturist serving balance in other ways.

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