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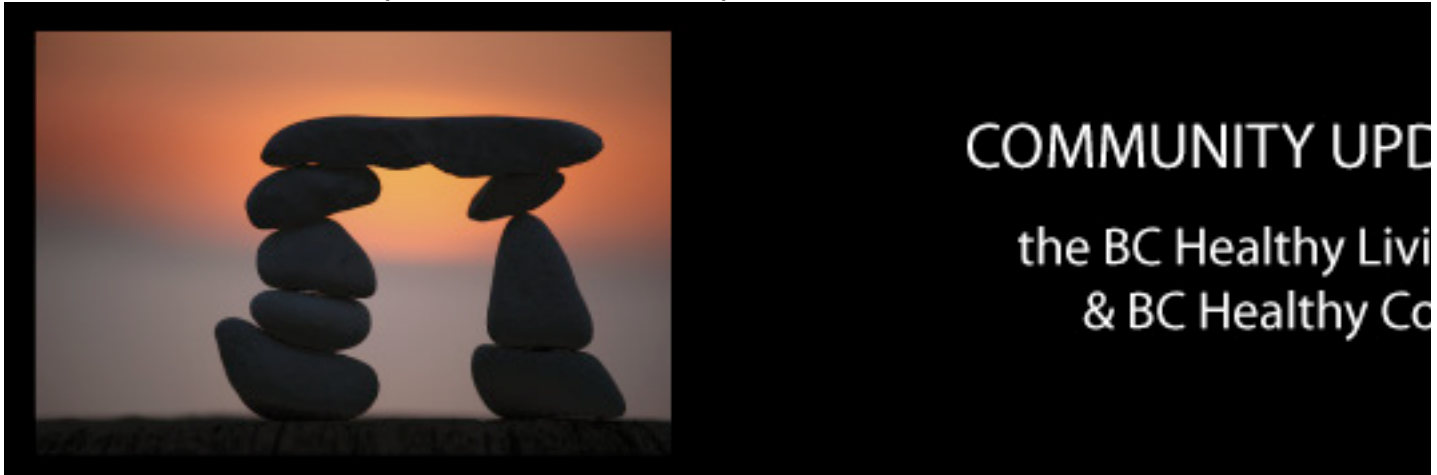
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Events

Building a Culture that Sustains Land

Join BC's land trusts, naturalists, stewardship, conservation and land use organizations & agencies in this foremost Land Trust and Stewardship Seminar Series, hosted by the Land Trust Alliance of BC. In addition to a full day workshop by renowned North American fundraiser Kim Klein, there are another 15 seminars about protecting BC's biodiversity and carbon storing

forests and grasslands for healthy communities and a healthy climate. This event is open to all, plus a ride sharing connection service and travel subsidies are available.

Where: Naramata, BC

When: March 18-20th

For more information: Please contact us at 250-538-0112 or email info@landtrustalliance.bc.ca. or visit <http://www.landtrustalliance.bc.ca/seminarseries.html>

Telelearning Session: The Role of the Social Economy in Meeting Diverse Housing Needs

When: Tuesday February 16th, 2010, 9:00 am Pacific Time

To register: Phone 250-472-4976, or e-mail sekm@uvic.ca Call-in information will be given upon registration. Register before February 12th to obtain dial in information and background paper. This session is in English.

Fundraising in Challenging Economic Times

An effective fund development program should be a permanent part of every organization. Due to the economic changes of the last year, some elements of fund development have changed. Donor relations are more important than ever, as is complete accountability and never under-budgeting.

When: Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 9:30am -3:30pm

Where: University Club, University of Victoria.

For more information: email beth@volunteervictoria.ca or call 250.386.2269.

Growing out of Hunger

Find out how former professional basketball player, corporate sales executive, and urban farmer Will Allen is feeding 10,000 people and starting a community food revolution out of his inner-city farms in Milwaukee and Chicago. Winner of the \$500,000 MacArthur Fellowship in 2008, Will Allen is transforming the cultivation, production, and delivery of healthy foods to underserved urban populations

When: Thursday, March 25, 7-9pm

Where: Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive (and 14th), Vancouver, BC

To register: Please visit <http://websurvey.sfu.ca/survey/51252769>

For more information: Please visit <http://www.growingpower.org/blog/>

Transition Town Facilitator Training Workshop

Hosted by Vernon's Sustainable Environment Network Society (SENS) and the Okanagan Science Centre, this workshop is part of the international Transition Town movement which originated in the United Kingdom five years ago so whole communities could take action and adapt their lives to peak oil and climate change. The movement has spread very quickly around the globe.

When: March 6 -7 2010

Where: Vernon

For more information and to register: Please visit www.cedworks.com/transition.html

Helping the Helper Leadership Workshops

These workshops are co-hosted by Coast Capital Savings Credit Union and The Centre for Non Profit Management to address the leadership challenges of organizations under stress. Each interactive, all-day session addresses one of six key topics: Leadership Governance, Financial Management, Evaluation, Human Resources. Every session is designed to be relevant and practical for nonprofit staff, board members, and volunteers.

Where: Victoria, Burnaby, Langley, and Nanaimo

Cost: The registration fee, *\$75 per session*, includes lunch and a participant package. *Discounts are available for registration in 5 or more sessions.*

For more information: Please visit <http://www.gifttool.com/registrar/ShowEventDetails?ID=265&EID=6303> <<http://www.gifttool.com/registrar/ShowEventDetails?ID=265&EID=6303>>

Turning Statistics Into Stories

Join us for a one-day workshop that will help you define your target audience, use statistics to present your story, and put statistics into a context that your audience can understand. This workshop will show participants how information and stories can be presented using graphs, statistics and narrative. As a result of your participation you will get your message out in the most effective manner.

When: March 09, 2010

Cost: Early registration (3 weeks prior): \$275. Within 3 weeks: \$300

For more information: Please visit <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/cgi-bin/COMMENTS/taloncomment.pl?referer=http://www.statcan.gc.ca/cgi-bin/statcomment.pl>

Tools & Resources

The Best-of-the-Best Free Online Management Resources

The Centre for Non Profit Management is pleased to re-launch the VSKN after a major upgrade. Check out its great online resources for leaders and managers.

For more information: Please visit www.vskn.ca

'How-to' be sustainable

A recent study performed by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation developed an inventory of existing resources across 10 theme areas, which provide "how-to" guidance on achieving more sustainable residential communities. The profile for each of the 81 resources includes a short description supported by a qualitative assessment and other key information.

For more information: Please visit <http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/odpub/pdf/66640.pdf>

Interactive Food Directory

Victoria based organization, the LifeCycles Project Society, has created an interactive food map. Click on the menu item and find out its food miles rating, how far it travels, and what that means for the environment.

For directory: <http://www.localfooddirectory.ca/foodshed/geobrowser/#> <<http://www.localfooddirectory.ca/foodshed/geobrowser/>>

Indigenous Cultural Competency (ICC) On-Line Training

Indigenous Cultural Competency (ICC) training will be of interest to health care professionals who work directly and indirectly with Aboriginal people. This unique facilitated on-line cultural competency training course is designed to increase knowledge, enhance self-awareness and build on skills.

For more information: Please visit [http://www.nearbc.ca/documents/2010/Indigenous-Cultural-Competency-\(ICC\)-On-Line-Training.pdf](http://www.nearbc.ca/documents/2010/Indigenous-Cultural-Competency-(ICC)-On-Line-Training.pdf)

HELP Study on Impacts of Neighbourhood Poverty

The level of poverty in the neighbourhood that children live in during kindergarten has been found to predict their reading level in Grade 7. A study of urban children in BC showed that those who lived in neighbourhoods with a higher socioeconomic status in kindergarten scored better on the foundation skills assessment test in Grade 7 than children who came from poorer neighbourhoods, regardless of where they lived presently.

For more information: <http://www.publicaffairs.ubc.ca/2010/01/14/disadvantaged-neighbourhoods-set-childrens-reading-skills-on-negative-course-ubc-study/>

A Child-Centered Approach to Complaint Resolution

BC's Representative for Children and Youth and the Ombudsperson have issued a joint report titled *Hearing the Voices of Children and Youth: A Child-Centered Approach to Complaint Resolution*. The review offers a number of opportunities for improvements to the Ministry of Children and Family Development's regional complaint resolution process for children who are in care or receiving government services. Recommendations address timeliness, fair and transparent administration, accessibility, consistency, a province-wide complaint tracking system, quality assurance, and accountability.

To Download: http://www.rcybc.ca/Images/PDFs/Reports/RCY_HearingtheVoices.pdf

Funding Opportunities

Age-Friendly Grants from UBCM

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Age-friendly Community Planning &

Projects program. Eligible activities include new community planning activities and/or community projects that are undertaken by a local government and support age-friendly communities and the ability of seniors to age in place. This includes comprehensive age-friendly community planning/projects or activities that focus on one (or more) of the eight age-friendly community components.

Deadline: March 12, 2010.

For more information: Please visit <http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding.html> or contact (250) 356-5134 or lgps@ubcm.ca.

Sogo Active Grants

There is less than a month until the next deadline for Sogo Active grants. Receive up to \$500 for your youth-led physical activity program.

Deadline: March 1, 2010

For more information: Please visit <http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca/sogoactive/grants.htm>

Other

Volunteer Recognition on the Sunshine Coast

Coast Mental Health provides an award entitled the "*Courage to Come Back Awards*" which recognizes extraordinary personal achievements in the face of adversity. They are seeking nominations in for this award in six categories.

Submission deadline: is February 12th 2010 (awards ceremony to follow in April)

For more information: Please visit www.coastmentalhealth.com

Celebration of Excellence - Call for Nominations

The Sunshine Coast Volunteer Centre is excited to announce the Celebration of Excellence – a process and event geared to celebrating the volunteers of the Sunshine Coast. The Celebration of Excellence is a community oriented recognition program that has evolved from its roots as the strongly supported Awards of Excellence for Sunshine Coast Women first held in 2008.

For more information: Go to www.scvolunteer.com or contact scvolunteer@dccnet.com

Nomination deadline: March 1st, 2010

Event date: April 24, 2010

A joint initiative of BC Healthy Communities and the BC Healthy Living Alliance: BC Lung Association, BC Recreation and Parks Association, BC Pediatric Society, Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Diabetes Association, Dieticians of Canada, Heart and Stroke Foundation, Public Health Association of British Columbia,

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