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## ~~~~~ AWARDS ~~~~~

### AWARDS RECOGNIZE LEADERS IN MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

The Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC) announced the MHCC's 5th Anniversary National Mental Health Awards, designed to recognize programs, projects and initiatives across the country that are having a profound influence on mental health. There are several award categories and the deadline for applications is February 16.



For more information visit [mentalhealthcommission.ca](http://mentalhealthcommission.ca).

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, Issue 17.05, January 30, 2012

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### TELUS LAUNCHES NEW SOCIAL CHANGE AWARDS HONOURING EVERYDAY CITIZENS

TELUS announced a new awards program aimed at recognizing everyday citizens who have stepped up to drive social change and innovation. These awards will celebrate those in the Toronto area who look to themselves to be the agent of positive change, rather than waiting for action from others. To recognize someone who has "stepped up", submit a nomination by February 8. The top five award winners selected by the TELUS Toronto Community Board will receive a \$1,000 grant from TELUS to support their next community project.



For more information visit [steppingupforchange.ca](http://steppingupforchange.ca).

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, Issue 17.05, January 30, 2012

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## WEBSITE AWARDS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FROM NONPROFITS

The .CA Impact Awards recognize youth, educators, nonprofit and public organizations, small businesses and web developers and designers for their innovation and the impact of their .CA websites and applications. The Impact Awards is seeking entries in four categories: Public Sector and Not-for-Profit, eLearning, Small Business and Applications. Entries for the 2012 awards will be accepted until March 23, with winners each receiving \$5,000.



For more information visit: [cira.ca](http://cira.ca).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 16, 2012*

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## PAUL YUZYK AWARD FOR MULTICULTURALISM

The award pays tribute to people in Canada who have contributed to multiculturalism and the integration of new Canadians. The award winner receives a certificate of honour as well as the right to select an eligible, registered, not for profit Canadian organization to receive a \$20,000 grant from the Government of Canada.



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Immigration Canada

Nominations for the 2012 Paul Yuzyk Award for Multiculturalism must be postmarked by March 1, 2012. More information is available at [cic.gc.ca/paulyuzyk](http://cic.gc.ca/paulyuzyk).

--SOURCE: *Volunteer BC, January Connector 2012*

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## EMPLOYMENT

### CLINICAL COUNSELLOR:PART TIME

Reach Out Youth Counselling & Family Services Society is looking for an empathic, mature professional to provide counselling to youth 13 to 25, families and couples. Membership with any of the following; RMFT, BCRCC, CPCA or PACC. Candidates must also have liability insurance in place, or the ability to renew insurance in a timely manner and have the following; MA in Psychology, Social Work, Counselling/Education or a related field. Specific Skills: Assess clients' problems, Develop and implement counselling and intervention programs to assist clients in determining goals and means of attaining them, Identify additional/alternative services and provide referrals and advocacy when necessary. Security and Safety: Clean Criminal Record and References Required.



Please email, fax or mail your resume with cover letter and references to:

Reach Out Youth Counselling & Family Services Society  
Attention: Sharon Marshall, Executive Director  
1868 Ambrosi Road,  
Kelowna BC V1Y 4R9

Email: [reachout@shaw.ca](mailto:reachout@shaw.ca)  
Fax: 250-762-8543

--SOURCE: Reach Out Youth Counselling & Family Services Society, Sharon Marshall, Executive Director

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## FACTS AND TRENDS

### SOCIAL MEDIA & MOBILE

- We're seeing a 75% growth in the number of donations made by people coming from Facebook.
- There's been a 200% growth in the number of people accessing CanadaHelps through a mobile device. Canadians love their smartphones!



Don't forget to make your donations at [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) today.

--SOURCE: CanadaHelps, January 27, 2012

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### US DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS CONTINUE TO RECOVER FROM RECESSION

[A recent report](#) found that US contributions to donor-advised funds were up 25.5% in 2010, while total grantmaking from these funds increased by 1.3%. The total assets held by these funds grew 12.3% since 2009, as organizations continue to recover from the global recession. — National Philanthropic Trust



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 3, 2012

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### RELIGIOUS AMERICANS BELIEVE THEY CAN IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITIES

A new US poll found that 53% of religiously active Americans believe that other people are generally trustworthy, compared with 43% of those not involved with religious groups. Additionally, 45% of religiously active view their community as an excellent place to live, while 38% of religiously active Americans believe that they can have a major impact on their communities. Some 40% of Americans say they are active in a church, religious, or spiritual organization. —Pew Internet & American Life Project



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 9, 2012

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### AUSTRALIAN WOMEN MORE LIKELY TO DONATE TO CHARITY THAN MEN

According to an Australian survey, 60% of women were expected to have given to charity by the end of 2011, as opposed to only 56% of men. The poll also found that Australians overwhelmingly prefer to donate cash rather than



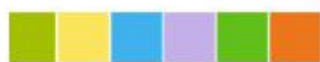
volunteer, with 22% expected to make Christmas donations but only 5% doing volunteer work. — *Australian National Retailers Association (ANRA)*

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 9, 2012*

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## **SURVEY FINDS NONPROFITS HAVE FREQUENT COMMUNICATION WITH SUPPORTERS**

A new survey found that monthly emailing is the most popular frequency for nonprofits at 43%, followed by every other week at 19% and quarterly at 14%. More than three-quarters of nonprofits (78%) plan to email their supporters at least monthly. As for direct mail, quarterly is the most popular frequency at 39%, followed by twice a year at 31%. Only 12% expect to send direct mail to their supporters at least monthly. — *Nonprofitmarketingguide.com*



**NONPROFIT MARKETING GUIDE.COM**  
Training and tips for do-it-yourself nonprofit marketers

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 16, 2012*

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## **MORE THAN MEN, WOMEN EXPECT EXCELLENT DONOR STEWARDSHIP**

A recent US report found that, when making a gift, more women (80%) than men (68%) expect that the nonprofit will honour their request for how the gift is used, and that the organization will share with them the positive impact their gift has made (women: 45%, men: 26%). In addition, more high net worth women (91%) than their male peers (83%) expect nonprofit organizations to send a receipt for tax purposes. — *Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University*



--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 16, 2012*

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## **CONVIO ANNOUNCES THEIR PREDICTIONS FOR 2012 TRENDS**

Convio recently announced its key predictions and expected trends that will have the biggest impact on the nonprofit sector in 2012. They include social and mobile continuing to mature; peer-to-peer engagement having greater influence; and donors dictating terms of interaction. Other trends identified by Convio: online will continue as the fastest growing fundraising channel; donor fatigue will be more pronounced; and integrated marketing will rise to new heights.



For more information visit: [convio.com](http://convio.com).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 9, 2012*

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## FEW NONPROFITS HAVE WRITTEN MARKETING PLAN FOR 2012

According to a new report on nonprofit communications, only 24% of nonprofits have a written and approved marketing plan for 2012, while 59% have a written plan or informal notes for themselves only, not formally approved by leadership. The \$5 million budget mark appears to be where the shift between informal and formal planning begins to take place. For organizations with budgets under \$5 million, only 20% have a written and approved plan for 2012. Of those with budgets over \$5 million, 42% had a formal and approved plan. — *2012 Nonprofit Communications Trends Report*



--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, Issue 17.05, January 30, 2012*

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## LIONS CLUB MEMBERS STRENGTHEN PHILANTHROPY LOCALLY, GLOBALLY

Members of Lions Clubs International are making significant contributions to philanthropy in the United States and internationally, a new study found. Internationally, 92% of Lions Club members surveyed donated to charitable causes and 86% volunteered. In the US, 97% of members donated and 97% volunteered. By comparison, approximately 65% of all American households give to charity, while 26% volunteer, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service. — *Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University*



--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, Issue 17.05, January 30, 2012*

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## NEW STUDY OFFERS NEW INSIGHT INTO MOTIVATION OF NOBILE DONORS

According to a new study on mobile giving by Pew Internet, 64% of American adults now use text messaging, and 9% have texted a charitable donation from their mobile phone. This in-depth study on mobile donors, which analyzed the Text to Haiti campaign after the 2010 earthquake, found that these contributions were often spur-of-the-moment decisions that spread virally through friend networks. Three quarters of these donors (73%) contributed using their phones on the same day they heard about the campaign, and a similar number (76%) said they typically make text message donations without conducting much research. Yet while their initial contribution often involved little deliberation, 43% of these donors encouraged their friends or family members to also give to the campaign. In addition, a majority of those surveyed (56%) have continued to give to more recent disaster relief efforts using their mobile phones.



For more information visit: [pewinternet.org](http://pewinternet.org).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 23, 2012*

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## CHARITABLE GIVING AT PRE-RECESSION LEVELS, ACCORDING TO NEW US REPORT

Blackbaud, Inc. announced that, according to their research, US fundraising has returned to pre-recession levels. Through the first 11 months of 2011, overall giving was up 3.4% over 2010, and is now officially above the level of giving last seen in 2007. It is important to note that while giving has increased, the increase is not uniform across all sub-sectors. However, most nonprofits saw greater stability and predictability in their 2011 fundraising than in the past few years.



For more information visit: [us.vocuspr.com](http://us.vocuspr.com).



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 23, 2012

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## US NONPROFIT SECTOR SHOWS JOB GROWTH OVER PAST 10 YEARS

A new report shows the US nonprofit sector posted a remarkable 10-year record of job growth despite two recessions, achieving an average annual growth rate of 2.1% from 2000 to 2010, while for-profit jobs declined by an average of minus 0.6% per year. Even during the recession from 2007 to 2009, nonprofit jobs increased by an average of 1.9% per year. At the same time, businesses averaged jobs losses of 3.7% per year. — John Hopkins University Center for Civil Society Studies



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 23, 2012

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## REPORT SHOWS WHY INDIVIDUALS STOP GIVING TO ORGANIZATIONS

A recent report found that women (49%) are more likely than men (41%) to stop giving to an organization they previously supported, with "too frequent solicitation/asked for inappropriate amount" cited as the top reason by both genders. Other reasons include their household circumstances having changed (women: 31%, men: 28%) and/or that the organization changed leadership or activities (29% for both). — Bank of America Merrill Lynch



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 23, 2012

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## FINANCIAL

### EMBRACE BC OARH PROGRAM

I am writing to notify you that the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation has posted a solicitation for Organizing Against Racism and Hate (OARH) under EmbraceBC on the BC Bid website: [www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca)



The OARH program is designed to increase community capacity to address racism and hate. The program consists of a three year, three step process:

#### YEAR 1:

##### Step 1 - Community Capacity

Communities build their skills and capacity to increase community awareness of the presence of racism and hate and the importance of local actions.

#### YEAR 2:

##### Step 2 - Community Engagement

Communities work to foster community engagement to discuss the issues of racism and hate, and to explore community solutions.

### YEAR 3:

#### Step 3 - Community Organizing

Communities work to establish a community action and sustainability plan to address racism and hate.

The current OARH solicitation is focused on communities outside of the Mainland/Southwest and Vancouver Island/Coast development regions (please see [bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/maps/drmap.asp](http://bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/pop/maps/drmap.asp) for detailed maps of B.C.'s eight regions).

EmbraceBC is a government-led initiative that provides funding opportunities for community-based projects through six program elements developed to inspire community members, residents and sector leaders to welcome, accept and embrace difference on both personal and institutional levels.

Any questions related to the solicitation must be directed in writing to Procurement Advisory Services by facsimile at: (250) 387-7309 or by e-mail at: [purchasing@gov.bc.ca](mailto:purchasing@gov.bc.ca).

--SOURCE: Government of BC, Procurement Advisory Services

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### SHOPPERS DRUG MART LIFE FOUNDATION

Focus their giving on programs that promote good health, prevent diseases, and help Canadian women lead stronger, healthier lives. For More information, [click here](#).



--SOURCE: Volunteer BC, January Connector 2012

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### COF GRANT INFORMATION WORKSHOP

Grant Information Workshop  
Thurs, Mar 15, 2012  
Rotary Centre for the Arts, 2nd floor Boardroom  
1:30 pm start



To assist nonprofits in applying for grants to the Central Okanagan Foundation they are offering a Grant Information Workshop. The information workshop will be focused on how to write a Central Okanagan Foundation grant application, as well as eligibility and process of the grant program.

Eligibility criteria and application forms are available at [centralokanaganfoundation.org](http://centralokanaganfoundation.org). To register for the information session, contact Cheryl Miller, Grants Manager, at [cheryl@centralokanaganfoundation.org](mailto:cheryl@centralokanaganfoundation.org).

--SOURCE: Central Okanagan Foundation, Cheryl Miller, Grants Manager

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## RBC ANNOUNCES \$20M IN IMPACT INVESTING SUPPORT

RBC announced a \$20 million commitment to a new social and environmental initiative aimed at facilitating solutions to social and environmental problems. The investment includes a new \$10 million capital fund to help finance projects by organizations and entrepreneurs tackling social and environmental challenges. Priority areas will include projects promoting environmental sustainability and water resource management, as well as providing employment opportunities for youth and newcomers to Canada. The project also includes a \$10 million investment by the RBC Foundation of its own assets into Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) funds.



For more information visit [www.rbc.com](http://www.rbc.com).

--SOURCE: Imagine Canada LinkedIn Group, January 26, 2012

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## 2012 CITY OF KELOWNA COMMUNITY GRANTS

Community Social Development Grants assist registered, non-profit societies and community organizations in the delivery of innovative, prevention-oriented programs designed to improve the quality of life for residents in Kelowna.

Grants to Address the Sexual Exploitation of Youth funds programs that directly address sexual exploitation issues for those under 19 years of age within the City of Kelowna.



To download the application forms, please visit [kelowna.ca/grants](http://kelowna.ca/grants).

Completed applications are due at 3:30 p.m. Friday, February 24, 2012 and should be dropped off at the Central Okanagan Foundation office located at 217-1889 Springfield Road.

--SOURCE: Central Okanagan Foundation, Cheryl Miller, Grants Manager

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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS: YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

The Homelessness Partnering Secretariat has announced a Call for Proposals on youth homelessness under the Homelessness Knowledge Development (HKD) funding stream of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS), Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. Youth was one of the key focus areas identified in the responses to the questionnaire issued last May. The total amount of available funding is \$500,000 with a maximum of \$80,000 for each funded project. The deadline for applications is February 29, 2012.



Human Resources and  
Skills Development Canada

Ressources humaines et  
Développement des compétences Canada

The HPS seeks to fund research on evidence-based promising practices in order to provide communities with the tools that they need to prevent and reduce youth homelessness. These practices should account for the diversity of the homeless youth population so that communities can tailor programs to their local needs. Applicants must define how communities are active partners with the projects and demonstrate that their research is relevant to the community.

Find out more [here](#).

--SOURCE: First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, January 30, 2012

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## APPLY NOW FOR UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Recognizing the need for effective knowledge exchange initiatives, the Mental Health Commission of Canada's (MHCC) Knowledge Exchange Centre (KEC) will begin hosting an annual nine-month SPARK Training Institute fellowship with the overall goal of creating effective knowledge exchange practices in the field of mental health, substance use and addictions. This year, thirty-six fellows will be selected to receive on-site training in St. John's, Newfoundland on July 11-12, 2012. This will be followed by nine months of mentorship and supported learning events. Applications for the fellowship will be accepted until February 24.



For more information visit: [www.mentalhealthcommission.ca](http://www.mentalhealthcommission.ca).

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 9, 2012

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## RBC AFTER SCHOOL GRANTS PROJECT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

RBC announced its call for grant applications for this year's After-School Grants Project, which is offering more than \$2 million to fund first-time and renewed grant recipients. Funding is awarded by regional community panels made up of experts in the fields of youth and education. Organizations wishing to apply should have a mandate to keep students in grades K-12 safe and positively engaged through an enriched curriculum when their classes end each day. Grants of up to \$40,000 are provided by the RBC Foundation to programs located in at-risk or underserved communities. The deadline for funding applications is March 12, 2012, and grant recipients will be advised by June 2012.



For more information visit: [www.rbc.com](http://www.rbc.com).

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 23, 2012

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## BC GOVERNMENT REINSTATES COMMUNITY GAMING GRANT FUNDING

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark announced \$15 million in increased funding to the province's nonprofit groups through community gaming grants. Based on the recommendations made in a review of recent community gaming grant funding cuts, the province will reinstate funding eligibility for adult arts and sports organizations, environmental groups and animal welfare agencies. The province will also increase support for other organizations that have experienced funding reductions in the past three years, including those responsible for fairs and festivals, youth arts and culture, community service, the BC Senior Games and community education organizations.



For more information visit: [www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca](http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca).

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 16, 2012

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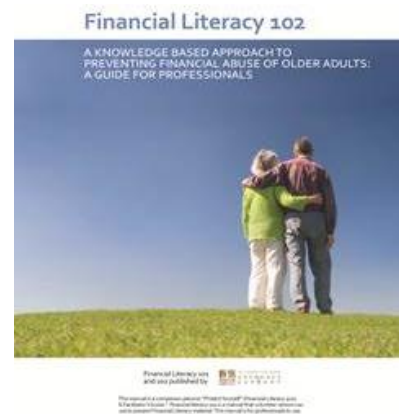
## KCR HIGHLIGHTS

### FINANCIAL LITERACY 102: PREVENTING FINANCIAL ABUSE OF OLDER ADULTS

Financial Literacy 102 is a knowledge based approach to preventing financial abuse of older adults for senior-serving professionals.

This workshop will enhance your knowledge about financial literacy and financial planning for older adults as well as the signs of and responses to elder abuse and neglect.

Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012  
Time: 9:30am to 3:30pm  
Place: Society of Hope, Apple Valley Housing  
2055 Benvoulin Court, Kelowna, BC  
Cost: Free & lunch is provided  
Registration: REQUIRED by 12pm March 30, 2012.  
Call Dawn at 250-763-8008 (ext 25) or [dawn@kcr.ca](mailto:dawn@kcr.ca)



Presenter: Shelley McClenahan – Manager of Outreach & Communications Initiatives, BC CEAS	
9:30am -12:00pm	Powers of Attorney and Joint Accounts: common myths about powers of attorney which can lead to abuse; the importance of advance planning.
12:00pm – 1:00pm	LUNCH
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Frauds, Scams, Identity Theft and Telemarketing: common scams targeting seniors; strategies to protect personal information.
2:30pm-3:30pm	Identifying & Responding to Financial Abuse of Older Adults

--Source: KCR, Dawn Wilkinson, Community Information and Volunteer Centre Coordinator

Presented by the BC Centre for Elder Advocacy and Support  
in collaboration with the BC Association of Community Response Networks and the Kelowna CRN

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### FREE PASS -BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

The Fresh Outlook Foundation is hosting its 5th Building SustainAble Communities conference in Kelowna February 27th to March 1st. With more than 250 speakers and issue experts, it promises to be a must-attend event for anyone who's curious about community sustainability or already passionately involved!

Of special interest to local nonprofits is the day-long Social & Cultural SustainAbility session on Tuesday, February 28th. Learn from the experts and then join in to see how your organization can optimize its contribution to community well-being.

You are entitled to a FREE SINGLE-SESSION PASS as a reader of the monthly Kelowna Community Resource Bulletin! To select your session, view the complete program at [freshoutlookfoundation.org](http://freshoutlookfoundation.org). To reserve your free spot contact Joanne at [jo@freshoutlookfoundation.org](mailto:jo@freshoutlookfoundation.org).

--SOURCE: Joanne de Vries, Founder & CEO, Fresh Outlook Foundation SustainAbility Support Services Inc.

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## OVERVIEW OF VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Recruiting and retaining volunteers is essential to non-profit organizations. Learn about trends, gaps and challenges in dealing with volunteers. Meet other volunteer managers and receive ongoing support.



Kelowna  
Community  
Resources

Four days: March 13, 14, 20 and 21, 2012  
Time: 9am - 4pm daily  
Cost: \$199  
Registration: [Kelowna Community Resources Workshops](#)

For additional information, please call Dawn at 250.763.8008 ext.25 or email [dawn@kcr.ca](mailto:dawn@kcr.ca)

--SOURCE: Kelowna Community Resources, Dawn Wilkinson, Coordinator Community Information and Volunteer Centre

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## CRISIS LINE PHONE NUMBER 1-888-353-CARE (2273)

Interior Health is launching the Interior Crisis Line Network providing residents with access to around the clock support through one toll free number: **1-888-353-CARE (2273)**.

The **1-888-353-CARE (2273)** toll free number will link callers to the crisis line closest to them geographically first. If that line is busy, the system will route the call to another Interior-based crisis line. The five crisis lines within the network all use common protocols, tools and data collection. This ensures care is consistent across the network and meets or exceeds provincial standards.

Your community safety net of **CARE**:

- Confidential telephone-based crisis line services
- Accessible across the Southern Interior 24/7/365
- Resources for you, in your community
- Empowering support for all concerns

Interior Crisis Line Network Partners: Canadian Mental Health Association Vernon & District Branch, People in Need Crisis Line; Canadian Mental Health Association Kootenays Crisis Line; Kelowna Community Resources; Canadian Mental Health Association Cariboo-Chilcotin Branch Crisis line; and Interior Health.

--SOURCE: Kelowna Community Resources



Interior Health

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## HOW TO KEEP THEM HAPPY--FOLLOWING UP WITH DONORS AND FUNDERS

Two panels will stimulate your thinking. Panel One consists of funders / donors who will talk about what they want from nonprofits in terms of networking, project evaluation, formal reporting and other forms of follow-up. Panel Two consists of nonprofit organizations willing to share their best practices.



Kelowna  
Community  
Resources



Dates: Wednesday, March 28, 2012  
Times: 9am - 1pm  
Location: Okanagan Regional Library, 1380 Ellis St



Cost: \$40

A Joint Venture by: Central Okanagan Foundation, City of Kelowna, Kelowna Community Resources, and the United Way of the Central & South Okanagan/Similkameen.

--SOURCE: Kelowna Community Resources, Dawn Wilkinson, Coordinator Community Information and Volunteer Centre

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## 2012 DIVERSITY HEALTH FAIR

Cost: FREE  
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2012  
Time: 11 am – 3pm  
Location: Okanagan Sikh Temple  
1111 Rutland Rd N

- Enjoy the 'Taste of India'
- Health Exhibitors
- Fun activities for the kids
- Health Presentations

Cancer Prevention and Early Detection



For more information call Doreen at 250.763.8008 ext 29, or email [Doreen@kcr.ca](mailto:Doreen@kcr.ca), or visit [kcr.ca](http://kcr.ca).

--SOURCE: Kelowna Community Resources

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## LOCAL

### TIPS FOR KEEPING KIDS SAFE ONLINE

In an effort to arm local parents with the information and resources they need to keep their children safe online, First Lutheran Christian School will host an Internet safety forum next month.

"Connecting Kids Safely in an Online World" will be a two-hour workshop presentation for parents Thursday, February 16, from 7pm – 9pm.

From cyber bullying and password protection to inappropriate content and sexting, the forum will offer parents solutions, strategies, tips and resources to approach the issues their children face in the digital age with knowledge and confidence.

"Kids are making connections in the online world from a very young age, but as parents, we often feel nervous and unprepared to empower them to protect themselves," pointed out Karine Veldhoen, chief learning officer at First Lutheran Christian School.

Our goal with this event is to ease fears and help parents engage with their kids about what they're really doing online in a positive and proactive way."

Disney Online Studios, which produces the award-winning children's virtual world Club Penguin ([www.clubpenguin.com](http://www.clubpenguin.com)), will participate in the initiative by bringing in resources and an expert speaker from



Netsmartz Workshop ([www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)), an interactive, educational program that works to educate, engage and empower children to stay safer online.

Tickets for the even are \$10 per person, For more information or to register, visit [www.firstlutheran.ca](http://www.firstlutheran.ca).

Thursday evening's presentation for parents will be followed on Friday, February 17, by special workshop sessions designed by Netsmartz specifically for educators.

The workshops will provide valuable internet safety information and curriculum resources for elementary and high school teachers.

--SOURCE: The Kelowna Capital News, Tuesday, January 31, 2012

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION: WORKING TOGETHER FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Paul Born directs Tamarack – An Institute for Community Engagement that is active in 12 cities and has so far reduced the impact of poverty for more than 120,000 people in Canada.



Paul was the Executive Director for over a decade and founder of Community Opportunities Development Association (CODA), one of Canada's most successful community economic development organizations. His work also has been recognized with awards from the Conference Board of Canada, Imagine Canada, and the Governor General of Canada.

An author of 3 books, Paul is a motivational, inspiring, informative, and often humorous speaker who loves the power of stories. He has extensive experience in helping organizations and communities to develop new and sustainable ideas that motivate people to collaborative action.

He holds a Masters degree in Leadership, is a Mennonite inspired by Yoga and Buddhism, and a dad who loves to cook.

CATCH Network Gathering for:

CATCH Partners:	March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 11:30am – 2pm
Faith Community:	March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 3pm – 5pm
Business and Government:	March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7:30am – 9:30am

All events will be held at the Coast Capri Hotel.

To register, visit the CATCH website a [www.catchcoalition.ca](http://www.catchcoalition.ca).

For more information, contact:

- Myrna Kalmakoff at 250.769.3893 or email [myrna@catchcoalition.ca](mailto:myrna@catchcoalition.ca), or
- Catherine Disbery at 250.764.9652 or email [catherine@catchcoalition.ca](mailto:catherine@catchcoalition.ca)

--SOURCE: CATCH Coalition, January, 2012

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## KELOWNA ARTHRITIS CENTRE PROGRAMS

For information on the following programs or to register for them, please call Alvera at 250-868-8643 or email: [apucilowski@bc.arthritis.ca](mailto:apucilowski@bc.arthritis.ca).



- Join us in our WALK TO FIGHT ARTHRITIS – June 12 at City Park
- Osteoarthritis Education Program: Tues/Thurs - Mar 6,8,13 & 15: 1:00-3:00 p.m. Fee: \$25
- Fibromyalgia (FM) Management Program: Feb 22-Apr. 11: 1:00-3:00 p.m. Fee: \$40
- Inflammatory Arthritis Education Program: Feb 7,9,14 & 16 OR Apr 3,5,10 & 12: 1:00-2:30 pm. Fee: \$25
- Arthritis Self-Management Program: Mar 2,9,16,23,30 & Apr. 6: 9:30-11:30 p.m. Fee: \$25
- Chronic Pain Management Workshops: Feb 10: 9:30-12:00 pm. Cost: Free
- Arthritis and Your Knees: Date: Tuesday February 28th : 6:30-8:30 pm. Cost: Free

We are also available to do presentations and/or participate in Health Fairs. To arrange a speaker for your presentation, please contact Trudy Battaglio at 250-868-8643 or e-mail: [tbattaglio@bc.arthritis.ca](mailto:tbattaglio@bc.arthritis.ca).

--SOURCE: The Arthritis Society, BC & Yukon Division; Alvera Pucilowski, Support Assistant, Education & Services Interior/Okanagan

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## NEW GATE APARTMENTS OPEN MARCH 2012

New Gate Apartments located at 189 Rutland Road North, Kelowna, B.C. opens its doors in March 2012.

New Gate Apartments provides 49 units of supportive housing for adult men and women who are at risk of homelessness and require some support to maintain their housing.



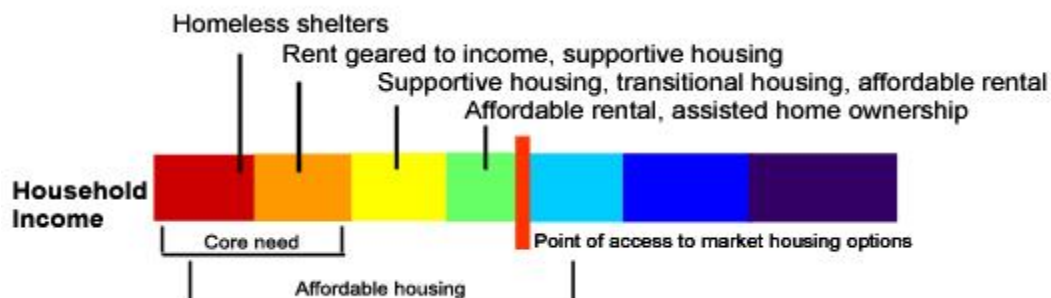
The supportive housing model has been proven effective in moving individuals at risk of homelessness from temporary shelter to more secure housing. In addition, supportive housing connects individuals with the services and supports they need to stabilize and rebuild their lives.

The support services, simply those required to maintain independent living, are provided on an individualized basis with outreach as the main method of service delivery.

### New Gate Apartments:

- Has 49 self-contained studio units and 24/7 staffing;
- Provides longer term housing for stable adults who are capable of independent living;
- Is a partnership between the provincial and municipal government and John Howard Society;
- Fills an essential gap in the **Housing Continuum** in our community.

### Housing Continuum



The above graph depicts the standard housing continuum with street level services on the left, moving closer to market housing as you move to the right of the graph. **New Gate Apartments** is positioned within the **yellow section** on the left side of the graph.

For more information contact Shelley Cook, Executive Director at 250.763.1131, email [shelley.cook@jhscso.bc.ca](mailto:shelley.cook@jhscso.bc.ca), or visit [www.jhscso.bc.ca](http://www.jhscso.bc.ca)

--SOURCE: Howard Society of the Central and South Okanagan, Shelley Cook, Executive Director

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## HOLLYWOOD HOUSE CLOSING MARCH 31, 2012

As I'm sure you may have already heard, Crossroads management and Board have made the very difficult decision to close Hollywood House, our women's supportive living house, after over a decade of service to the women in need in our community. Due to cuts by the Province to the gaming grants a couple of years ago and the fact that we fall into a category that did not have its funding fully re-instated, as well as other pressures affecting our society, we find ourselves in a situation where we have to look at our entire society, how we operate and what we do in an effort to create a strategic plan that will see Crossroads thrive going forward.



Our lease expires on March 31, 2012 and we will be working diligently in the coming weeks to relocate all of the ladies that are currently living at Hollywood House.

Crossroads is going through this strategic realignment to ensure that we continue to provide vital services to our community in the area of withdrawal management and treatment programming and services.

We are committed to being a long term partner in this community; to provide those facing the challenge of addictions with the programs and services they need and we truly appreciate the support of our social service community and want to ensure that all of our existing partners and future partners are aware that this change is underway and we are committed to continuing to be a part of the continuum of care in our community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Crossroads office, Shelley Gilmore, Executive Director, Crossroads Treatment Center Society - 250.860.4001 or email [shelley@gilmorehr.com](mailto:shelley@gilmorehr.com).

--SOURCE: Crossroads Treatment Center Society, Shelley Gilmore, Executive Director

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## UNITED WAY SURVEY

If you are a retired, or semi-retired, person who makes charitable donations in your community, we want to hear from you!

Please fill out our brief survey by clicking [HERE](#)

--SOURCE: United Way CSO, Harry Grossmith, Executive Director



**United Way**  
Central & South  
Okanagan Similkameen  
Change starts here.

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## PARENT EDUCATION COURSES WINTER 2012

For more information or to register please call 250-763-0456 or visit us at 1829 Chandler Street, The Bridge Youth and Family Services.



- HOW TO TALK SO KIDS WILL LISTEN & LISTEN SO KIDS WILL TALK
- BRIDGING THE GAP: BUILDING PARENT-TEEN RELATIONSHIPS
- 1, 2, 3, 4 PARENTS
- BEYOND THE HURT: BULLYING PREVENTION
- BECOMING AN ASKABLE ADULT: SEXUAL HEALTH KNOWLEDGE

- Subsidies available upon request at time of registration -
- Child minding space is limited and must be requested at time of registration or one week in advance -
- Healthy Snack Provided -
- \* Unless otherwise noted, all workshops are held at: Parent Place – 630 Cadder Avenue

--SOURCE: The Bridge Youth and Family Services, Glynnis Nustad, Support Services

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## GREEN ALMOND CLUB

The Green Almond Club is a membership based organization that provides resources and support services to single parent families.

You might wonder, "Why Green Almond?" Good question! Green is the color of growth, a symbol of life and new beginnings. Almonds are actually seeds-not nuts-as most people might think. The Green Almond Club is about planting 'Seeds of New Beginnings and Growth' into the lives of single parent families.



Being a single parent might be a different path than the one you would have chosen. But as challenging as it can be, I am here today to tell you that there is hope! It is absolutely possible to have an AMAZING single parent life!

Coffee Night  
Thursday, February 9th  
Second Cup at 7:00 PM

Be sure to check out our website! Subscribe to our newsletter and receive your FREE ebook: 10 Tips for Successful Single Parenting! [www.greenalmondclub.com](http://www.greenalmondclub.com)

--SOURCE: News from Green Almond Club, February 1, 2012

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## HEALTHY FAMILIES BC COMMUNITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

The Healthy Families BC Communities Initiative focuses on increasing support at the local government and health authority level to create environments that support people the make healthy choices the easy choice. Since there is no "one size fits all" approach to creating a healthy community the Ministry of Health is consulting with local governments and health authorities on the development of the Healthy Families BC Communities Initiative to ensure that it meets local community needs.



These sessions are for local governments located within the geographic boundaries of the Interior Health Authority

February 27, 2012 - Kelowna, BC

Register: <http://www.healthyfamiliesbc.ca/>

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

\* This consultation is taking place in conjunction with the Building Sustainable Communities Conference

--SOURCE: BC Healthy Communities January 2012 Newsletter

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## FREE FURNITURE

I have some furniture items that are "free to good homes" if you are interested.

Home Instead Senior Care has an 8 person board table to give away. It will need to be pickup. Contact Kim Fuoco at 250-860-4113 or [kfuoco@kelhisc.ca](mailto:kfuoco@kelhisc.ca).

--SOURCE: United Way CSO, Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment



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## STRATIS FITNESS: FIT CLUB

A fitness focused social group for boys grades 7-10 with social deficits (Aspergers, PDD, Non-verbal Learning Disabilities, FASD, ADHD) led by Mike and Joanne.



We are super excited to have your teen try out our "FIT CLUB"! What's our Fit Club? It's a safe, fun and professional environment, run by experienced and knowledgeable staff and supported by a behaviour consultant, where your child will learn and engage in activities geared towards fitness, nutrition, and social interaction!

Purpose: To bring boys together in a safe and structured environment to participate in fitness activities while developing their social skills

Time:	Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Saturday 10 – 11:15 am
Place:	Stratis Fitness Studio 1855 Kirschner Road
Numbers:	8-10 per group
Fees:	\$50/week for any two sessions \$60 week for all three sessions Ongoing start dates/Qualifies for ASD funding/Check with Funding Unit for approval

For more information, to Meet us and see the studio or to register, call [Mike](#) or [Joanne](#) at 778.215.8348

--SOURCE: Families In Touch, February 2, 2012

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## CITY OF KELOWNA CIVIC AND COMMUNITY AWARDS GALA

Date: April 19, 2012

Place: Kelowna Community Theatre

Cost: \$25

For more information and to obtain tickets, please contact Amber Gilbert at (250) 469-8967 or [agilbert@kelowna.ca](mailto:agilbert@kelowna.ca).

--SOURCE: City of Kelowna, Amber Gilbert



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## SELF ADVOCATE/FAMILY/CAREGIVER MEET AND GREET EVENT

Sponsored by Community Living BC in conjunction with the Community Council

Topic: How to navigate the multiple systems that support people with diverse-abilities

Date: Tuesday, February 21st

Location: 140-1060 Manhattan Drive, Kelowna

\*Light Supper Will be Provided



The last meeting was on Transitioning Youth—if you missed it and are interested in a repeat session please let Jerrilyn know when you call in to RSVP for the upcoming session.

Jerrilyn can be reached at 250 712 3610.

--SOURCE: Families in Touch, January 31 2012

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## KELOWNA FAMILY CENTRE 6TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Meet and Greet Coffee Break!

When : Wednesday February 15, 2012: 10:30am-12pm

Where: Kelowna Family Centre, #204, 347 Leon Avenue, Kelowna



The Kelowna Family Centre is a registered, accredited non-profit society governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. We deliver confidential professional counseling services to children, youth and families in the Central Okanagan.

For more information, please email [kelfamcr@shawbiz.ca](mailto:kelfamcr@shawbiz.ca)

--SOURCE: Kelowna Family Centre, Lynda Fillion, Administrator

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## SURVEY: CLEAN ENERGY!

Are you interested fostering the development of the clean energy industry within the Central Okanagan?

The Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission and Okanagan College are conducting a research study to discover the impact of a new electricity policy in British Columbia on the adoption of renewable energy production technology.



[Click on this link](#) to take the survey and share your opinion on this issue. This survey should take no more than 10 minutes, and your response is highly valued.

--SOURCE: Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission, January 31, 2012

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## SURVEY: DOWNTOWN PLANS

After collecting preliminary feedback from stakeholders, the City of Kelowna has completed its Downtown Plan, and is seeking additional feedback on the current draft - [available here](#) . Please contact us with your comments on the Downtown Plan, as the DKA will be submitting our additional feedback by February 10th, 2012. To view Downtown Kelowna's initial feedback to the City of Kelowna regarding the Downtown Plan in November 2011, please click here.



--SOURCE: The Downtown Kelowna Association, Downtown Insider - January 31, 2012

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## OKANAGAN COLLEGE SKILLSBC EVENT

Okanagan College has expanded their Annual SkillsBC event to give youth and interested individuals in the community a time to come in and get exposure to the Trades and Technologies fields. We will be offering shop tours, competitions to participate in, competitions to watch and hands on Try-a-Trade activities in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering, Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry as well as time on our Virtual Reality Welding and Collision Repair Paint simulators.



March 2, 2012 at 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Competitions: Looking for students in Grades 6-9 who are interested in working in teams and participating in our Gravity Vehicle Race and our Wind Turbine event.

For more details see attached schedule of events, posters and competition informational documents. Also running this day will be the Spaghetti Bridge competition [click here](#) to check it out.

If you have any questions or want more details on how you can participate or be a spectator please contact me at 250-762-5445 ext. 4439 or 1-866-755-2266 ext. 4439

--SOURCE: Dianne Holm, SkillsBC Regional Coordinator

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## HOW OFTEN DO YOU GET TO PULL AN AIRPLANE

Pull an AIRPLANE down a runway with your colleagues, and help charities at the same time?

Please find out Valley First Plane Pull Challenge registration package attached to this email. We hope you will consider entering a team this year.



Please note that there are changes to our tax receipt policy outlined on page 3 – and they are happy changes!

We'd love it if you'd circulate this registration package and challenge your friends and business competitors to enter a team too! The more we grow this event, the more support we'll be able to give to vulnerable people in our community.

Don't hesitate to contact me with questions, and thank you for supporting your community through United Way.

Contact Avril Paice at (250) 860-2356 ext.106, email [avril@unitedwaycso.com](mailto:avril@unitedwaycso.com) or visit <http://unitedwaycso.com>

--SOURCE: United Way CSO, Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment

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## UNITED WAY DAYS OF CARING

Days of Caring are community-wide expressions of the power of volunteering! United Way connects groups of volunteers with projects that benefit the community. You can clean up a local park, serve meals at a shelter, help build sanctuaries for rescued animals or freshen up a charity by painting!

Our 75 non-profit partners offer a wide range of project possibilities.

Days of Caring can happen any time during the year, and all it takes is a group of community-minded people who want to lend a hand to a local non-profit organization.

If you have a group of co-workers, friends, youth or other team that would like to volunteer together, please contact us at 250-860-2356 or [avril@unitedwaycso.com](mailto:avril@unitedwaycso.com) so we can begin matching you to a project!

If you know of a charity or community project that could use some help, please let us know so we can help. The United Way Days of Caring Program is proudly offered in partnership with the Kelowna Capital News. Please watch the newspaper on Thursdays for information about ongoing projects.

The link to our page is: <http://unitedwaycso.com/building-community/day-of-caring/>

--SOURCE: United Way CSO, Avril Paice, Director of Community Investment

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## CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

### Chronic Pain Self-Management Program

Location: H2O Adventure & Fitness Centre  
Boardroom - 4075 Gordon Drive  
Dates: Tuesdays from February 14 to March 20, 2012  
Times: 2:00 pm to 4:30pm,



### Chronic Disease Self-Management Program

Location: H2O Adventure & Fitness Centre  
Boardroom - 4075 Gordon Drive  
Dates: Thursdays from February 16 to March 22, 2012  
Times: 2:00 pm to 4:30pm,

To register for these programs, call toll-free at 1-866-902-3767 or email [selfmanagement@eastlink.ca](mailto:selfmanagement@eastlink.ca)

\*Please note there are a maximum of 15 participants per class.

--SOURCE: University of Victoria, Centre on Aging (Ladner Office), Terry Cayer – Program Coordinator (IHA Region)

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## SUCCESS BY 6 DRAW

Success By 6 invites you to “Like” their Facebook page for a chance to win a children’s storybook. Hundreds of books to give away to families with young children!



Enter now by visiting <http://www.facebook.com/SuccessBy6CentralOkanagan> and like our page. Then email [carol.ellison@shaw.ca](mailto:carol.ellison@shaw.ca) to be entered in our draw.

You just might win! Draw closes March 31st at 12 noon.

--SOURCE: United Way of the Central Okanagan, Carol Ellison, Success By 6 Coordinator

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## CMHA KELOWNA RECEIVES COMMUNITY ACTION INITIATIVE (CAI) GRANT

The CAI is a province-wide program that supports mental health and substance use projects and innovation in BC. They fund strategies that promote mental health; prevent harmful use of substances and improve services and supports that enhance the recovery process for children, youth, adults and families affected by mental health problems and/or problematic substance use. The CAI is a key complement to the Province’s comprehensive 10-year plan to address mental health and substance use across the lifespan in BC. [CMHA Kelowna Branch](#) has been awarded a grant of \$200,000 for Connected by 25: Supporting Successful Transitions to Adulthood for Vulnerable Young People in Central Okanagan, which addresses the needs of youth (16-24) to help them develop transition plans and connect with their service providers and the community.



To see the full list of recipients go to [www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca](http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca).

--SOURCE: Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division, Mind Matters BC's Mental Health e news, January 2012

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## CENTRAL OKANAGAN SOROPTIMIST CLUB

The Central Okanagan Soroptimist Club is holding an informational meeting on Feb 20th in a meeting room at the 2nd floor of the Kelowna Library. The Soroptimist organization is an international women’s one that helps women and girls both at a local and international level. We are planning to charter on this year’s International Women’s Day, March 8th.



2012 Theme: CONNECTING GIRLS, INSPIRING FUTURES

- Global, United Nations: Women and men united to end violence against women and girls
- Canada, Status of Women (Federal Gov): Strong Leadership. Strong Women. Strong World: Equality

Our event will be at the Delta Grand in the evening of March 8th and be following the theme on three levels: honoring an Okanagan woman pioneer by presenting an award in her name to a male and female Okanagan pioneer; chartering the Central Okanagan Soroptimist and raising funds/awareness for some non-profit

Okanagan women's groups. We are looking for nominees for the Okanagan pioneer awards, new Soroptimist members as well as supporters of this event.

For more information, please contact [Silverado\\_socrates@hotmail.com](mailto:Silverado_socrates@hotmail.com).

--SOURCE: Silverado Socrates, January 29, 2012

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## NATIONAL

### FACTSHEET FROM 5TH SECTOR MONITOR

[A factsheet](#) presenting a preliminary assessment of recent trends in the sector, based on results from our fifth Sector Monitor, is now available for download. This factsheet focuses on trends over the previous year. The most recent edition of the Sector Monitor survey was conducted between November 3 and December 2 and collected responses from 2,255 charity leaders. A full highlights report with a more detailed exploration of results will be released soon.



--SOURCE: Imagine Canada, Imagine Matters, January 10, 2012

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### BELL LAUNCHES 2012 'LET'S TALK' MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN

The second annual Bell Let's Talk campaign, led by national spokesperson Clara Hughes and highlighted by Bell Let's Talk Day on Feb 8, invites all Canadians to talk about mental illness in order to fight the lingering stigma that keeps too many people from seeking the help they need. On Feb 8, for every official retweet, text message sent and every long distance call made by Bell and Bell Aliant customers, Bell will donate 5 cents to mental health programs. Last year's campaign totalled over \$3 million.



To find out more go to [letstalk.bell.ca](http://letstalk.bell.ca).

--SOURCE: Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division, Mind Matters BC's Mental Health e news, January 2012

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### 2011 CANADIAN FEDERAL BUDGET PASSES - NEW PROVISIONS AFFECTING CHARITIES AND RCAAAs IN FORCE

The [2011 Federal Budget](#) received Royal Assent on December 16, 2011. There were a number of changes that affect charities, RCAAAs and other types of qualified donees that were in the budget.



Canada Revenue  
Agency

Agence du revenu  
du Canada

[CRA releases Charity Connection No. 11 - January 2012 - Special Edition: Budget 2011](#)

The CRA has published Charity Connection No. 11 on the 2011 Federal Budget. The publication highlights some of the major changes for registered charities, RCAAAs and other qualified donees. There will be more information on certain other budgetary provisions in the near future such as the “ineligible individual” provisions.

CRA revises Pamphlet “Gifts and Income Tax P113(E) Rev. 11” to reflect recent budget changes  
The CRA has revised its Pamphlet “[Gifts and Income Tax P113\(E\) Rev. 11](#)” to reflect recent budget changes including reducing the incentives for packaged flow through donation schemes and other provisions from the 2011 Federal Budget.

--SOURCE: *Blumbergs' Canadian Charity Law List, January 2012*

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## WHO AND WHAT ARE REGISTERED NATIONAL ARTS SERVICES ORGANIZATION (RNAO) IN CANADA?

There are 24 Registered National Arts Services Organization ([RNAO](#)) in Canada and here is the list from the CRA Charities Listing database.

--SOURCE: *Blumbergs' Canadian Charity Law List, January 2012*



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## CRA PUBLISHES LLST OF REGISTERED CANADIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS (RCAAAs)

The CRA has published a list of registered Canadian amateur athletic associations (RCAAAs). Very interesting to see the names of RCAAAs and also those that were deregistered over the last few years. There are currently about 119 RCAAAs. CRA was only allowed to publish this list after changes introduced in the 2011 Federal budget to increase transparency in the charity/qualified donee sector.



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--SOURCE: *Blumbergs' Canadian Charity Law List, January 2012*

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## STATSCAN STATS ON CHARITY SECTOR INTERESTING - BUT NOTES EVEN MORE INTERESTING

StatsCan [recently published some statistics on charitable donations](#). They noted “Canadian taxfilers reported making charitable donations of just under \$8.3 billion in 2010, up 6.5% from 2009. At the same time, the number of donors increased 2.2% to just over 5.7 million. Data are based on income tax returns filed for 2010.” That is a bit of a good news story and shows that many Canadians who have jobs feel quite lucky and are generally digging into their pockets more. What is more interesting than the statistics are the caveats and notes.

--SOURCE: *Blumbergs' Canadian Charity Law List, January 2012*

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CHARITABLE TAX INCENTIVES

The House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance announced that [a study of charitable giving](#) in Canada will be launched when Parliament returns this year. In particular, the



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study will examine, in respect of both individuals and corporations, current and proposed tax measures to encourage charitable giving. The examination will include the charitable tax credit amount and the possible extension of the capital gains exemption to donations of private company shares and real estate. The study will also focus on the feasibility and cost of changes to existing tax measures as well as the implementation of new tax incentives.

For more information visit: [www.parl.gc.ca](http://www.parl.gc.ca).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 23, 2012*

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## IMAGINE CANADA RELEASES NEW FACT SHEETS, INCLUDING LATEST SECTOR MONITOR

[Imagine Canada has released two new white papers](#) for the nonprofit sector. Trends in Individual Donations (1984 to 2010) is a research bulletin that presents an overview of trends in charitable donations from 1984 to 2010, drawing on a number of data sources derived from Canadian personal income tax returns. It focuses on describing long-term trends in donations as well as the impact of the recent global economic downturn. Imagine Canada also released information from their latest [Sector Monitor survey](#) (conducted between November 3 and December 2, 2011) in a new fact sheet. The report shows continued organizational stress as charities struggle to meet the demand for their services.



--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 3, 2012*

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## REPORT CALLS FOR BETTER COORDINATION TO ASSIST YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

A new report suggests that better coordination across the sector could improve social interaction and development for youth and children with disabilities. Strengthening Communities for Canadian Children with Disabilities reiterates the need for children and youth with disabilities and their families to have a sense of community and suggests that while there are numerous programs available across the country, they are challenging to access and navigate. Three main recommendations have been proposed in response to the findings, including:



Develop coordinated web-based navigation tools for families that can create a single online reference resource for accessing community programs, services, and professional care.

Develop integration-focused programs and services that will allow for children and youth with disabilities and their families to feel part of their community.

Augment the social networks of children and youth with special needs using social networking tools to strengthen current and future community programs to actively engage and include children and youth with special needs as active members of their community.

For more information visit: [sandboxproject.ca](http://sandboxproject.ca).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 23, 2012*

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## PROVINCIAL

### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH QUARTERLY – PROBLEM ANXIETY

The latest issue of Children's Mental Health Research Quarterly, produced by SFU's Children Health Policy Centre looks at anxiety prevention programs for children. The FRIENDS program, introduced to BC by the Ministry of Children and Family Development, stood out as being particularly effective, with evidence of success over 13 separate trials. Authors note that as not all anxiety can be prevented, any strategy to address childhood anxiety must be comprehensive, including early identification and treatment in addition to prevention. Although FRIENDS is supported by strong research evidence, its effectiveness is not universal across all settings. Thus, it is important for policy-makers and researchers to continually evaluate programs in consideration for new investments in childhood anxiety prevention programs.



Read the full article and more at [childhealthpolicy.sfu.ca](http://childhealthpolicy.sfu.ca) (PDF).

--SOURCE: Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division, Mind Matters BC's Mental Health e news, January 2012

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### BC GAMING GRANT REVIEW REPORT NEWS

#### COMMUNITY GAMING GRANT REVIEW ANNOUNCEMENT

January 11 - The Premier Clark released the results of the Community Gaming Grant Review - headed by Skip Triplett. In response to Mr. Triplett's report on the review, the Province will reinstate funding eligibility for adult arts and sports organizations, environmental groups and animal welfare agencies. The Province will also increase support for other organizations that have experienced funding reductions in the past three years, including those responsible for fairs, festivals, youth arts and culture, community service, the B.C. Senior Games and community education organizations.



[Click here](#) for full press release and backgrounder info.

[Click here](#) for Skip Triplett's full report.

Community Gaming Announcement in the News

Vancouver Sun: [The government's sleight of hand doesn't fool charities](#)

Province Paper: Premier's boost in gaming grants a slap in the face to non-profits: critic

Quote from Susan Marsden, President of the B.C. Association for Charitable Gaming:

"Locking in \$15 million in funding to the Community Gaming Grant is just another slap in the face for non-profit groups", says the president of the B.C. Association for Charitable Gaming.

"It's a bit of a slap in the face: it's two years now that we've been trying to communicate to a government - that now says they want to listen to people - that we need the money that we had in 2008," she said –The Province, January 12.

--SOURCE: Volunteer BC, January Connector 2012

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## SOCIETY ACT AMENDMENTS—OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

The Society Act outlines the rules that govern B.C.'s more than 26,000 societies. A new discussion paper on the Society Act has been released and invites discussion on the governance of B.C. societies and possible directions for reform. These proposals do not reflect government policy at this stage, but rather are intended to stimulate discussion on a possible direction for reform. Legislation to amend or replace the Act is targeted for 2013 at the earliest. Please direct your comments, by April 30, 2012, in electronic form to: [fcsp@gov.bc.ca](mailto:fcsp@gov.bc.ca).



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For additional information, [click here](#).

--SOURCE: Volunteer BC, January Connector 2012

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## GOVERNMENT RELEASES PLAN FOR CLBC IMPROVEMENT

At the conclusion of a review of Community Living BC, government has announced a 12-point plan to improve services for people with developmental disabilities and their families. The plan includes a commitment to improving transition planning and processes for youth turning 19. From the BC Association for Community Living:



The Premier and Minister of Social Development announced with the report today an \$18 million annualized investment in Community Living BC (CLBC) operations, \$12m to support expected caseload increases and \$10m to the Ministry of Social Development for transition planning, employment and day programs. CLBC is the crown agency that provides supports and services to people with developmental disabilities.

"Given what people with developmental disabilities and their families have been through, today is a hopeful day," says Annette Delaplace, BCACL President and mother of a child with special needs. "Thanks to the tireless efforts of families, individuals and advocates, we are seeing decisive action."

Read the news releases from [BCACL](#) and the Ministry of [Social Development](#).

--SOURCE: First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, January 30, 2012

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## LIVING WAGE FOR FAMILIES UPDATE

Recent news from the Living Wage for Families Campaign includes a resolution passed at the BC NDP Convention in December:



"WHEREAS over the last 10 years inequality in BC has increased, middle class incomes have stagnated and lower income earners have fallen further and further behind; and WHEREAS BC continues to have the highest rate of child poverty in Canada; and WHEREAS inequality is not only morally wrong, it is expensive for our society, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BC NDP develop a plan that will reduce poverty and inequality in BC, including promoting the concept of a living wage; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a BC NDP government commit to implement such a plan."

There are many benefits for employers from paying a living wage. One of the most obvious is that they gain public recognition for their commitment to greater corporate social responsibility. For example, a Living Wage Employer, Eclipse Awards has recently been named as a Top 10 Finalist for [best Employer in BC](#), in part as a result of their commitment to paying a living wage to their staff.

Find out more about the benefits of becoming a Living Wage Employer [here](#).

You can sign up to receive updates from the Living Wage for Families Campaign [livingwageforfamilies.ca](http://livingwageforfamilies.ca) (at the top of the sidebar).

--SOURCE: First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, January 9, 2012

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## DISCUSS BC'S NEW EDUCATION PLAN

The Ministry of Education has put forward a plan for 21st century learning, which includes personalized learning, increased flexibility, and increased use of technology. The plan is now online at [bcedplan.ca](http://bcedplan.ca), where it can be viewed and discussed. Click on the "engage" button to participate in answering questions such as What do you think are the benefits and challenges to offering students more flexible learning opportunities? and Flexibility and choice are evident in many B.C. schools and communities. Do you have some good examples to share?

--SOURCE: First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, January 9, 2012

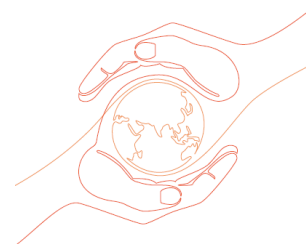


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## RESEARCH

### US NUMBER ONE IN TERMS OF CHARITY, ACCORDING TO NEW REPORT

The United States now ranks the highest in terms of charity in a massive global survey, according to CAFAmerica, a member organization of the United Kingdom based Charities Aid Foundation International Network of Offices. The 2011 report looks at three aspects of giving behavior of individuals in the preceding month, asking if they have donated money to a charity, volunteered time to an organization, or helped a stranger. The top-ranked US was followed in the survey by Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Canada ranked seventh overall.



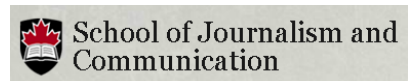
For more information, and to view the full report, visit: [cafamerica.org](http://cafamerica.org). (PDF)

--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 3, 2012

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## VOLUNTEER CANADA SEEKS NONPROFIT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

The School of Journalism and Communications at Carleton University, in partnership with Volunteer Canada, invites you to participate in a new survey about how nonprofits communicate with their stakeholders. The survey seeks to understand how nonprofit organizations are communicating outside their organizations, the goals and objectives for these communications activities and their capacity to maintain and support these efforts. The data generated from the survey will inform ongoing research into the role of communication in supporting nonprofit activities and will also allow for the development of new resources to assist organizations in their communications and capacity building.



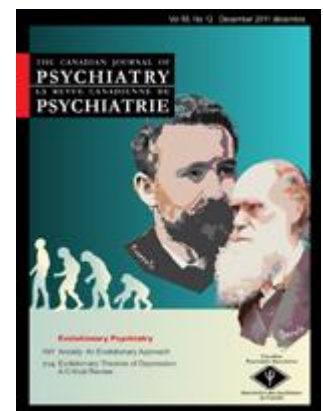
For more information visit [surveymonkey.com](http://surveymonkey.com).

--SOURCE: *CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, Issue 17.05, January 30, 2012*

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## TREATING DEPRESSION CORRELATES TO HIGHER WORK PRODUCTIVITY

Research from the Toronto-based Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) indicates treatment for depression can help people stay productive on the job. Published in the December 2011 issue of Canadian Journal of Psychiatry, the study looked at surveys of 3,000 Alberta workers in 2009. Among the 255 people indicating they suffered a depressive episode within a year of being interviewed, those who received treatment were more likely to report being able to function at a highly productive level at work – seven times more likely for those who reported experiencing a severe depressive episode, two and a half times more likely for those who reported a moderate episode – compared to those who had not received treatment. The researchers call on employers to make treatment options for depression more accessible to their workers.



[Read the full study](#) or the news article at [vancouver.sun.com](http://vancouver.sun.com).

--SOURCE: *Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division, Mind Matters BC's Mental Health e news, January 2012*

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## COGNITIVE DECLINE ALREADY EVIDENT IN MIDDLE AGE

A recent study published in the British Medical Journal suggests that cognitive functions may begin its decline around age 45-49. This 10-year study tracked for signs of cognitive decline in 5198 men and 2197 women, all civil servants in the UK. When the study began in 1997, the participants had an age range from 45 to 70. Cognitive memory, aural and visual skills and vocabulary were assessed, and decline in performance was seen in all areas except vocabulary. Both sexes saw a 3.6% decline in mental reasoning. Men aged 65 to 70 had a mental decline of 9.6%, while women in the same age group fared slightly better with a 7.4% drop. With these new findings, the researchers put emphasis on the value of a healthy lifestyle at a younger age in preventing dementia and rapid cognitive decline.



Read the full study at [bmj.com](http://bmj.com) or the CBC article at [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca).

--SOURCE: *Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division, Mind Matters BC's Mental Health e news, January 2012*

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## RESOURCES

### WHEN IT'S MORE THAN THE BLUES...

For some people—about 2-3% of Canadians—the winter blues are more serious and may be a sign of seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a type of depression with a seasonal pattern. SAD is particularly prevalent in northern latitudes.



According to CMHA, healthy lifestyles that include exercise, relaxation, a healthful diet and a supportive workplace can help to reduce the effects of the winter blues, and ultimately help prevent or reduce the impact of SAD.

For footnotes and more information on the winter blues, SAD, visit [cmha.bc.ca](http://cmha.bc.ca). To learn more about workplace mental health, visit [www.bottomlineconference.ca](http://www.bottomlineconference.ca).

--SOURCE: Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division, Mind Matters BC's Mental Health e news, January 2012

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### RECEIPTING KIT FOR CANADIAN REGISTERED CHARITIES LAUNCHED BY THE CHARITY LAW INFORMATION PROGRAM

The Charity Law Information Program (CLIP) has just released the [Receipting Kit for Canadian Registered Charities](#). The kit is 25 pages and provides an overview of what a registered charity needs to generally know about receipting. As well, there is an attachment which is about 115 pages long with CRA guidance on receipting and even a CRA auditor checklist on receipting.



--SOURCE: Blumbergs' Canadian Charity Law List, January 2012

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### CANADIAN CHARITIES AND FREE TRANSPARENCY TOOLS - LOOK BEFORE YOU DONATE

There are a couple of interesting websites which allow much easier searching of information from the T3010 databases. One is [CharityFocus.ca](http://CharityFocus.ca) (discussed by me [here](#)).

Another interesting website is [opencharity.ca](http://opencharity.ca). Opencharity.ca allows for visitors to search not only by charity name but also directors name.



--SOURCE: Blumbergs' Canadian Charity Law List, January 2012

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## CHARITY RANKINGS OFTEN DON'T TELL THE FULL STORY

by Katherine Van Kooy, The Calgary Herald

Here is a great piece by Katherine Van Kooy in the Calgary Herald [entitled 'Charity rankings often don't tell the full story'](#). Katherine van Kooy is the president and CEO of the Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (CCVO).



--SOURCE: *Blumbergs' Canadian Charity Law List, January 2012*

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## UNICEF REPORT ON CHILD SAFETY ONLINE

Child Safety Online: Global Strategies and Challenges is a new report from UNICEF's Innocenti Research Centre. It examines children's online behaviour, risks and vulnerability to harm. The report states:

The responsibility to protect children in the online environment should not be borne only by parents and children. Policymakers, professionals such as teachers and social workers, law enforcement agencies and the private sector all have a role in creating a safe external environment that allows children and young people to benefit from the use of modern technologies without experiencing harm.



Download the report [here](#).

--SOURCE: *First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, January 30, 2012*

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## OECD REPORT ON THE QUALITY OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Starting Strong III: A Quality Toolbox for Early Childhood Education and Care is a major new publication from the OECD:

A growing body of research recognises that early childhood education and care (ECEC) brings a wide range of benefits, for example, better child well-being and learning outcomes as a foundation for lifelong learning; more equitable child outcomes and reduction of poverty; increased intergenerational social mobility; more female labour market participation; increased fertility rates; and better social and economic development for the society at large.



### Starting Strong III

A QUALITY TOOLBOX FOR  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

But all these benefits are conditional on "quality". Expanding access to services without attention to quality will not deliver good outcomes for children or the longterm productivity benefits for society. Furthermore, research has shown that if quality is low, it can have long-lasting detrimental effects on child development, instead of bringing positive effects.

The report outlines five key levers for encouraging quality early childhood education and care. Read it [here](#).

--SOURCE: *First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, January 30, 2012*

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## ORDER CHARITY TAX TOOLS RESOURCES!

Visit our new Charity Tax Tools [Online Boutique](#) to purchase a selection of publications and tools created to assist Canadian charities in the areas of receipting fundraising activities, maintaining books and records, and reporting to the CRA.



--SOURCE: *Imagine Canada, Imagine Matters, January 10, 2012*

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## FACT SHEETS ON THE COMMUNITY PLAN FOR INTEGRATED EARLY CARE AND LEARNING

The Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and Early Childhood Educators of BC have released three new fact sheets related to their Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning. Download them now:



- [For BC Parents – What the Plan means for families](#)
- [It Makes Good Dollars & Sense](#)
- [By the Numbers – BC Children, Families and Child Care](#)

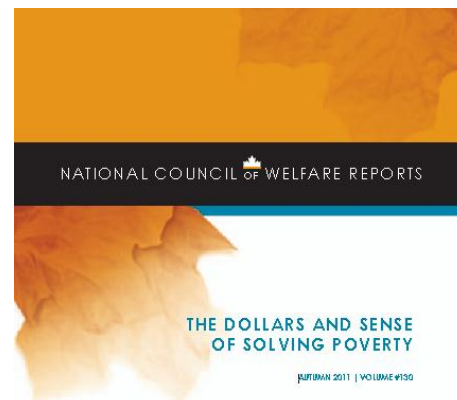
--SOURCE: *First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, January 9, 2012*

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## THE DOLLARS AND SENSE OF SOLVING POVERTY

A report released last fall by the National Council on Welfare states that Canadians could save billions of dollars by investing to end poverty. The report's findings include:

- In 2007, the amount it would have taken for every Canadian to have an income over the poverty line was \$12.6 billion. The consequences of poverty that year added up to almost double that amount. Despite this spending, by 2009, 3.2 million Canadians (9.6%) were still living in poverty.
- Indirect costs drive up the cost of poverty. Stable housing costs less than shelter, ambulance, police, hospital and other bills resulting from homelessness. Similarly, basic medicine costs far less than emergency wards, where people end up when they can't afford medicine. This pattern can be found in the justice system, education, employment, business and other areas.
- Societal costs reflect the wasted potential—and tax dollars—of people who could be contributing more to the economy if they did not go hungry, or continued to be poorly paid, ill-housed, stigmatized or ignored.
- Solving poverty is about more than money because humans are social beings. The daily wear-and-tear of stress, including discrimination and lack of respect, can physically damage brains and bodies. The lower you are on the income ladder, the more stressors you are likely to face, with the fewest resources to cope. There is a direct relationship between poverty and poor health.
- The benefits of programs are often underreported. Child and seniors' benefits, for example, provide secure, non-stigmatizing incomes broadly in society, and they have benefits well beyond individual recipients. For example, the improved wellbeing of today's seniors compared to the past enables them to remain active in their communities or to help care for grandchildren.



[The report is available online here.](#)

--SOURCE: *First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, January 9, 2012*

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## THE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH QUARTERLY

This is your link to the latest edition of [The Children's Mental Health Research Quarterly](#). The publication is a full-colour PDF but we send it as a link rather than as an attachment, so you don't have to worry about viruses. Autumn 2011 Vol. 6 No. 1



Our theme for this issue is: Preventing Problematic Anxiety

Articles include:

- What, me worry?
- Anxiety prevention programs: How well do they work?
- Preventing anxiety with some help from our FRIENDS.

--SOURCE: IHA, Betty Brown, Regional Facilitator: Mental Health

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## AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S GUIDE TO FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP

There is an important distinction between financial management and financial leadership. Financial management is the collecting of financial data, production of financial reports, and solution of near-term financial issues. Financial leadership, on the other hand, is guiding a nonprofit organization to sustainability. This is the job of an executive director. He or she is responsible for developing and maintaining a business model that produces exceptional mission impact and sustained financial health. To do that successfully, the executive director has to be ever mindful of essential nonprofit business concepts and realities. The following is a guide to this way of thinking for an executive—a summary of what we see as the eight key business principles that should guide financial leadership practice. [Read more>>>](#)



--SOURCE: LinkedIn, January 19, 2012

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## HEALTHY BY NATURE REPORT

In September 2011, 200 delegates (including 27 youth) gathered in Vancouver for the [Healthy by Nature forum](#). This interdisciplinary forum focused on the physical & mental health benefits of time spent in nature through initiating dialogues, awareness building, partnership development, and action planning. The Healthy by Nature gathering was a collaborative effort led by numerous partners including BC Healthy Communities.

You can now read the full report detailing the whole forum. The report includes presentation highlights of keynote speakers Gil Penalosa and William Bird and interesting outcomes of the panel discussions and sector workshops. It's a great read for health practitioners, community & urban planners, and anyone who is interested in the critical links between human health, well being and nature.



--SOURCE: BC Healthy Communities January 2012 Newsletter

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## THE HOMELESSNESS HUB

### [Precarious Housing and Hidden Homelessness Among Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Immigrants in the Toronto Metropolitan Area](#)

Concerns about the housing situation of newcomers have increased recently. It is taking longer for newcomers to achieve wages and salaries equivalent to those of equally qualified Canadian-born workers, the incidence of low incomes is increasing among immigrant households at the same time as it has been declining among Canadian-born households, and housing is becoming more expensive in Canada's major cities. – CERIS



### [Social Exclusion, Gender, and Access to Education in Canada by Dhillon, Jaskiran](#)

This article documents interpretive insights into the social and cultural dimensions of schooling through the narrative accounts of young women and girls living in poverty and experiencing homelessness in Canada. – *Feminist Formations*

--SOURCE: *The Canadian Homelessness Research Network, The Homeless Hub Newsletter, Issue 28, January 18, 2012*

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## IMPORTANCE OF PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL REFLECTED IN PISA READING ASSESSMENT

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) releases a report asking ["Does participation in pre-primary education translate into better learning outcomes at school?"](#) This report highlights relationship between pre-primary education and students' PISA scores; findings show that "in practically all OECD countries 15-year-old students who had attended some pre-primary school outperformed students who had not." [Complete report here.](#)—CRRU



--SOURCE: *CATCH Network Newsletter January 16 2012*

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## ANCIE BULLETIN BOARD

The ANCIE Bulletin is a quarterly electronic newsletter on newcomer children's issues. If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please click on the [subscribe link](#).

This edition of the ANCIE Bulletin "Early Childhood Education" explores the importance of the early years for newcomer children, the concept of readiness, and strategies on how to develop a culturally safe curriculum.

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--SOURCE: *ANCIE Bulletin: Early Childhood Education, January 31, 2012*



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## HEY YOU, GET OUT OF YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA COMFORT ZONE...YES YOU!

Most organizations who get their feet wet with social media start with the three big ones: Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. But don't forget the little guys! Claire Kerr outlines three up-and-coming social networks that might be a great fit for your nonprofit. [Read more>>>](#)



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, Issue 17.05, January 30, 2012

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

### MAJORITY OF US NONPROFITS HAVE A FACEBOOK PRESENCE

According to a recent US survey, 89% of nonprofits (all sizes) report having a presence on Facebook. Twitter has the second highest adoption rate with 57% of nonprofits indicating they have a Twitter account. The average Facebook fan base for nonprofits is up 161% in 2011 to 6,376 members. — *2011 Nonprofit Social Network Benchmark Report*



--SOURCE: CharityVillage.com, Village Vibes, January 3, 2012

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### THE INFORMATION DIET: NOT JUST A BOOK, A MOVEMENT FOR CONSCIOUS CONSUMPTION OF INFORMATION

I've been curating resources and teaching workshops on the topic of [information coping skills](#) for a couple of years. I first became interested in the topic after reading David Shenk's "Data Smog" in 1998 using the metaphor of environmental problems to talk about the dangers of having too much online information, primarily email. This was in the era before Facebook and there was far less information available compared today. (My favorite practical principle from Shenk was "Give A Hoot, Don't Email Pollute" when talking about the need for developing will power in consuming and sharing digital information.)



--SOURCE: Beth's Blog by Email, January 24, 2012

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### CHANGES TO GOOGLE PRIVACY POLICY AND TERMS OF SERVICE

We're getting rid of over 60 different privacy policies across Google and replacing them with one that's a lot shorter and easier to read. Our new policy covers multiple products and features, reflecting our desire to create one beautifully simple and intuitive experience across Google.

We believe this stuff matters, so please take a few minutes to read our updated Privacy Policy and Terms of Service at [google.com/policies](http://google.com/policies). These changes will take effect on March 1, 2012.



--SOURCE: Google, January 26, 2012

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## WHAT DO FACEBOOK'S NEW TIMELINE APPS MEAN FOR NONPROFITS?

Remember last September when Facebook announced all those changes to individual profiles, including the [timeline](#)? One of the changes was that your friends and fans can do more than “Like” or “Comment” on Facebook. Three new actions were announced at the time, including: Read, Watch, Listen to help people better understand what their friends are doing online. Facebook called it the “Open Graph” and the pr people called “A revolution to the whole meaning of listening to music together or family T.V.” You can read more about how it works from the Facebook developer notes.



--SOURCE: Beth's Blog by Email, January 26, 2012

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## TRAINING

### REGISTER FOR THE CMHA 2012 BOTTOM LINE CONFERENCE

Promoting psychological health is essential to building workplaces that thrive – but how do we get there? The theme for this year's Bottom Line Conference is 'Practical Steps to a Psychologically Healthy Workplace.'

**Bottom Line 2012** > Practical Steps to a Psychologically Healthy Workplace  
February 29 + March 1 > Vancouver Convention Centre > 999 Canada Place

This annual conference has become the signature event for CMHA, creating awareness of the importance of psychologically healthy workplaces and finding strategies and solutions that benefit both employers and employees. Join 300 executives, managers, union leaders, as well as HR and health professionals from workplaces at the Vancouver Convention Centre to learn steps everyone can take towards building a psychologically healthy workplace. Registration ends Feb 15, 2012. Rates range from \$130 to \$495.

Register now at [www.bottomlineconference.ca](http://www.bottomlineconference.ca).

--SOURCE: Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division, Mind Matters BC's Mental Health e news, January 2012

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### KNOWLEDGE IS POWER SERIES: ANXIETY & CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

When anxiety causes distress or interference that is much greater than anxiety experienced by other children of the same age, it may be called an anxiety disorder. This is the topic of Part 1 of CMHA Kelowna Branch's 2012 [Knowledge is Power Series](#). This public forum will be led by a panel of experts, including Dr. Bruce Pipher, Child & Youth Psychiatrist. A question and answer period will follow the presentations. Admission is by donation.

**2012 KNOWLEDGE IS POWER SERIES: PART 1  
CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH  
& ANXIETY DISORDERS**

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2012  
Location: CMHA Kelowna Branch  
504 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna

Please [click here](#) to reserve your spot or call 250-861-3644. (seating is limited).

--SOURCE: Canadian Mental Health Association Kelowna, e newsletter, January 10, 2012

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## IN THE KNOW”: BULLYING – EFFECTS ON MENTAL HEALTH – FEB 8

“in the know” is a monthly networking and information sharing session that will provide a topic expert on what parent/caregivers really want to know. This will offer an opportunity to share so that everyone is “in the know”.



This event hosted by The FORCE Society for Kids' Mental Health at the BC Children's Hospital Telehealth Building on Feb 8 from 7:00 to 8:00pm. The session can also be viewed through the internet. To RSVP, email [forceintheknow@gmail.com](mailto:forceintheknow@gmail.com).

For more information, visit [www.forcesociety.com](http://www.forcesociety.com).

--SOURCE: Canadian Mental Health Association BC Division, Mind Matters BC's Mental Health e news, January 2012

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## ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS JUSTICE CONFERENCE – VANCOUVER

On February 21 - 23 in Vancouver, the Assembly of First Nations Justice Forum will bring together national and regional First Nations organizations, frontline justice workers, key stakeholders and representatives from federal and provincial governments with the goal of developing a National Aboriginal Justice Strategy.

The National Justice Forum aims to:

- Honour the families of murdered and missing First Nations women and establish stronger links with support services for them;
- Discuss the impact of Bill C-10 (Safe Streets & Communities Act) on First Nations, including sentencing, post-sentencing, the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the Preventing Trafficking, Abuse and Exploitation of Vulnerable Immigrants Act, and the Aboriginal Justice Strategy;
- Engage the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) to review trends in corrections, as well as gangs and First Nations opportunities to develop alternative community-based initiatives for rehabilitation;
- Review and advocate for the implementation of recommendations for First Nations Policing Programs and engage with the Department of National Defence to review programs such as Bold Eagle;
- Develop a national strategy linked to regional strategies for responding to First Nations' emergencies and crisis situations;
- Facilitate a half-day discussion on the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. There are many issues around the compensation components of the Common Experience Payment (CEP), Independent Assessment Process (IAP), as well as emerging issues on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Commemoration that require discussion. An update will be provided on potential Day Scholar/Day School class action.



Find out more and download the registration form [here](#).

--SOURCE: First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, January 30, 2012

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## CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS CONFERENCE

This conference brings together an interdisciplinary group of professionals working in the field of mental health with young people, parents and other stakeholders to share knowledge and experiences related to child and youth mental health. There are three themes woven through the conferences: Parental Mental Health, Children of Parents with Mental Illness and Young Carers.

This first ever gathering of this nature will provide a forum for focusing on the needs of young people and families as they struggle with issues related to mental health concerns across the generations. The overall goal of the concurrent conferences is to help us develop a common language and understanding of the needs of young people and families. By bringing together people from diverse backgrounds we hope to enrich our collective knowledge of mental health strategies, best practices and the latest research in order to improve outcomes for young people and families.



Dates: May 6-8, 2012  
Location: The Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites  
1763 Comox Street, Vancouver

For more information, contact UBC Interprofessional Continuing Education, (604) 827-3112 or [ian.ipce@ubc.ca](mailto:ian.ipce@ubc.ca).

--SOURCE: First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, The Child and Youth Advocate Newsletter, January 30, 2012

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## BUILDING BRIDGES CONFERENCE

Building Bridges Supporting Children and Families:  
Strategies for Empowering Professionals

The Building Bridges Conference brings together all those involved in the care of young children. Our purpose is to provide strategies to child care providers and early childhood development (ECD) professionals including family resource programs and others. This conference will be of interest to all those who work with young children and families in child care settings, family resource programs, primary schools and other ECD community programs. These include early childhood educators, teachers, community health professionals, parents, grandparents, elders, governments and non-profit organization officials.



Date: June 1st & 2nd, 2012  
Place: Coast Capri Hotel, Kelowna, BC  
Cost: Early Bird \$125 (before March 31st, 2012)  
Standard - \$160 (April 1st - May 18th, 2012)

Full details are available on the conference website [www.kelconference2012.blogspot.com](http://www.kelconference2012.blogspot.com)

Online registration is also available via [this link](#).

--SOURCE: The Bridge Youth and Family Services, Helen Mills, Coordinator for the 2012 Building Bridges Conference

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## THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER

This conference brings together experts from multiple disciplines to share international research, to discuss the implications of this research, and to promote scientific/community collaboration. It provides an opportunity to expand our understanding of the relationships between knowledge and research, and how this can apply to critical actions related to FASD. For the past ten years, the conference has brought together people passionate about this area of work and provided a stimulating environment for them to make new connections and partnerships.



Date: February 27 - March 2, 2013

Place: The Westin Bayshore,  
1601 Bayshore Drive,  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Please visit [Conference Website](#) for more information.

--SOURCE: The Federation of Community Social Services of BC, Weekly News Items – January 13, 2012

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## SAVE THE DATE - VOLUNTEER FUTURES 2012

We are in full swing planning our Volunteer Futures 2012 Conference. The dates have been set for Sept. 27-28 in Richmond, BC. We want to hear from you and get some feedback on conference themes and workshop topics to ensure our event has topics relevant to your work. Please send your ideas to [volunteerbc@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerbc@gmail.com).



--SOURCE: Volunteer BC, January Connector 2012

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## BUILDING YOUR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Building your Social Enterprise Workshop by Enterprising Non-Profits Kelowna, March 26, 2012 Cost: \$45 including coffee/snacks, lunch, and workshop materials.

Our day long workshop offers staff, board and volunteers of non-profit organizations a day of learning on the what and how of social enterprise. Attending the workshop qualifies your non-profit to apply for an enp social enterprise development grant. [Get more information and/or register online:](#)



--SOURCE: enterprising non-profits program (enp), B. Michelle Egli, Communications & Program Coordinator

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## LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Register now for ACHIEVE Training Centre's Leadership and Management workshop in British Columbia.

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT - The Essential Foundations

Locations: Vancouver: February 21, 2012 and

Victoria: February 22, 2012

Workshop Fee: \$195 + HST; Regular Rate: \$235 + HST

Essential leadership attributes and management skills often mean the difference between thriving or failing as a manager. This workshop is designed to help new or existing managers increase their abilities to lead teams. They will gain skills to assess team dynamics and to improve trust and influence with those they are leading. At the completion of this workshop participants will be equipped with the necessary tools to motivate their team to achieve desired results.



#### OTHER WORKSHOPS COMING TO BRITISH COLUMBIA:

- Personalities at Work - Communication Made Easy with MBTI: Kelowna: April 19
- Assertive Communication: Kelowna: April 20
- Conflict Resolution Skills: Kelowna: May 28
- Dealing with Difficult People: Kelowna: May 29
- Mediation - An Informal Process for Conflict Resolution, Vancouver: June 12-13

For detailed information on all of our 2012 Winter/Spring workshops in BC, please go to [Public Workshops in British Columbia](#)

--SOURCE: ACHIEVE Training Centre, Brenda Vanasse, Public Workshop Coordinator

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#### MYCHARITYCONNECTS CONFERENCE 2012

Mark your calendars now for MyCharityConnects 2012! The conference will be held June 12 & 13 at the Allstream Centre in Toronto.



Join non-profits from across Canada and social media experts for the premier social media and online fundraising learning opportunity of the year.

After 3 sold-out years, MyCharityConnects is back and better than ever! Join us for thought-provoking keynotes, practical how-to workshops and plenty of chances to learn from other non-profits about what works online ... and what doesn't.

Keep checking back for updates and be sure to spread the word!

Date: June 12 & 13  
Place: Allstream Centre  
Toronto, Ontario

Registration opens in February. Bookmark [mycharityconnects.org/conference](http://mycharityconnects.org/conference) for announcements and be sure to spread the word!

--SOURCE: CanadaHelps, January 17, 2012

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#### SUMMIT ~ CITIES FIT FOR CHILDREN

What: 3rd Annual Provincial Summit  
When: Thursday, May 10 to Friday, May 11 2012  
Where: Kamloops.



For more information click [here](#)

--SOURCE: BC Healthy Communities January 2012 Newsletter

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## NEW HOPE FOR WIDOW/ERS'

New Hope for Widow/ers' Annual Retreat: April 27-28, 2012

For the past 15 years New Hope for Widow/ers has held an annual retreat to give support, encouragement and educational workshops to bereaved widows and widowers. This year, a one-day retreat will be held at Emmanuel Fellowship Baptist Church in Vernon.



Also included on Friday evening will be a concert with artist Cathy Hardy and the featured guest speaker, Grace Wulff, founder of New Hope, who was widowed at the age of 37 and left to raise 3 children. Refreshments and an opportunity to get to know fellow retreaters will follow. Saturday will provide the opportunity for retreaters to individually share their personal story of loss in a small group setting, followed by the choice of three workshops. This year New Hope is pleased to offer the following workshop topics: Transitioning to Living Single, Hoping and Coping – Surviving the First Year, Christianity and the Grieving, Financial and Estate Needs, Complicated Grief, and Experiencing Grief as a Man. The day will include lunch and a candlelight ceremony of remembrance.

As in the past several years, New Hope offers a children's program to enable parents to attend and bring their children who are also grieving. This program, for a limited number of children aged 5 – 10 years of age, is prepared and facilitated by a professional schoolteacher and counselor, who also experienced widowhood.

Cost for the retreat is \$60.00 if registered before April 1, 2012, \$75.00 after April 1st. Children are \$35.00 for one and \$20.00 for each additional child.

To receive a registration form or to register, phone the New Hope office at 250-545-6004 or email [newhope@telus.net](mailto:newhope@telus.net) with your mailing address. You may learn more about New Hope on their website at [newhope-grief.org](http://newhope-grief.org) or on their site for teens at [newhope-grief.org/teengrief](http://newhope-grief.org/teengrief).

--SOURCE: New Hope Office, Karen Bouchard

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## WORKSHOPS: CENTRE FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduction to Adobe Illustrator Workshop

Date: Saturday February 18th, 2012

Time: 9:00 – 4:00

Fee: \$60

Registration: [digitalartschool.com/gdmd2012workshops](http://digitalartschool.com/gdmd2012workshops)



Introduction to 3D Animation & Modelling

Date: Saturday February 25th, 2012

Time: 9:00 – 4:00

Fee: \$60

Registration: [digitalartschool.com/animationworkshops](http://digitalartschool.com/animationworkshops)

For more information, please email Paulo Fulgencio at [pfulgencio@digitalartschool.com](mailto:pfulgencio@digitalartschool.com).

--SOURCE: Centre for Arts and Technology, Paulo Fulgencio, BBA Marketing Coordinator

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## SOUND IDEAS: MANAGING YOUR HEARING LOSS

This is a program for people who are experiencing hearing loss. This 8-wk program will provide an introduction to speech reading techniques and coping strategies. This small interactive group setting is led by Leslee Scott, a Rehabilitation Counsellor who also has a lifelong hearing loss. Over the course of 8 weeks, this class will cover difficult situations that Hard of Hearing people face daily: understanding hearing loss, communication strategies, coping in background noise, use of the telephone, and other devices.



Western Institute for  
THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING  
*"We're Non profit. We Understand"*

Sign up to learn how to get the most out of your hearing aid, to learn about speech reading and to learn ways you can communicate more comfortably and effectively.

Date: Monday March 5 – April 23  
Time: 1:30pm – 3:30pm  
Location: Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
120 – 1735 Dolphin Ave, Kelowna  
Cost: \$50 (includes text/photocopying)

OR

Date: Wednesday March 7 - April 25  
Time: 7pm – 9 pm  
Location: Capri Interior Health,  
Seminar room 2 -3,  
Community Integrated Health Services (Capri Mall on Gordon)  
Cost: \$50 (includes text/photocopying)

For more information, or to register for a course, please contact Leslee Scott at [lscott@widhh.com](mailto:lscott@widhh.com) (preferred) or leave a message at 250 763-3562

Programs are sponsored by the Central Okanagan Foundation

--SOURCE: WIDHH, Leslee Scott, Rehabilitation Counselor

## VOLUNTEERISM

### VOLUNTEER BC MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget to renew your membership with us! Becoming a member of Volunteer BC means you are dedicated to encouraging and strengthening the growth and development of voluntary action in British Columbia. To become a member of Volunteer BC or to renew your membership, please download and complete the [application form](#). Click [here](#) for more membership info.

--SOURCE: Volunteer BC, January Connector 2012



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## VOLUNTEER CANADA MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS

Volunteer Canada is pleased to announce a brand new suite of membership benefits in development for 2012, to be offered in addition to our existing comprehensive benefits package. Stay tuned to future eVOLution mailings as we continue to roll out new exclusive offers throughout 2012.

Click [here](#) for further details on Volunteer Canada membership.

To become a member of Volunteer Canada and take advantage of the full suite of membership benefits, contact Chantale Bessette, Membership Coordinator, at [membership@volunteer.ca](mailto:membership@volunteer.ca).



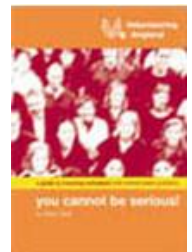
--SOURCE: Volunteer Canada, News Flash, January 20, 2012

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## YOU CANNOT BE SERIOUS: A GUIDE TO INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

Based on a two-year project investigating some of the challenges facing people with mental health problems in accessing volunteering opportunities, this guide provides support and advice for people committed to making their organizations more socially inclusive and including individuals with mental health problems as volunteers. [Order Now>>>](#)

--SOURCE: Energize Inc., Book Buzz, January 2012



## 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WITH A LEARN & LEAD SESSION

Join us for a two hour exploration into discovering how we can activate the individual motivational styles and patterns of attention in ourselves and others based on current understandings of brain functioning and neural patterning.



Topic: Awakening Your Brain: Motivating From the Inside Out  
Co-facilitators: Heather Parks, B.THM, ICF PCC, NLP Master Practitioner, and Richard Hyams, B.A., CSFC, NLP Master Practitioner  
Date: Friday, February 24, 2012  
Time: 9:30 am to 3:00 pm  
Location: City Centre Library  
10350 University Drive,  
Surrey, BC

--SOURCE: Administrators of Volunteer Resources BC weekly digest, January 29, 2012

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## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK WEBSITE LAUNCHES WITH NEW TOOLS

Volunteer Canada launches the National Volunteer Week website with new tools and resources to support voluntary organizations and volunteer centres in their efforts to recognize Canada's volunteers. The website is at a new URL this year; to visit the new site, go to <http://nationalvolunteerweek.ca/>.

- [Click here for more information about the NVW seminar series.](#)
- [Campaign Kit page](#)
- [Post your volunteer recognition tips and advice on the Volunteer Canada Facebook page](#)



--SOURCE: Volunteer Canada, News Flash, January 11, 2012

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Do you have news related to the non-profit / voluntary sector that you wish to share with your colleagues? Send Community Information and Volunteer Centre your information at [informkelowna@kcr.ca](mailto:informkelowna@kcr.ca) by the 20th of the month.

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