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Local News

The BC Centre for Non-Profit Development

Introduction to Non-Profit Management Course at Okanagan College

The BC Centre for Non-Profit Development is working on an agreement for the delivery of the [Introduction to Non-Profit Management Course at Okanagan College](#). They are very excited about the potential for non-profit capacity building in the Okanagan area. The three year agreement includes free ***funded seats for non-profit organizations' staff, volunteers and board members***. This course is currently available at the University of the Fraser Valley, the College of New Caledonia, Selkirk College, and Northwest Community College.

Okanagan College has requested contact with non-profit organizations in the area. They are looking to find out what would suit non-profits best-delivery method – online; face-to-face; or other, and timing as well as other similar questions **and also to gauge interest in the course.**

Please take a few minutes to contact Marni Esson directly at messon@okanagan.bc.ca. Please forward Marni's email to other colleagues in the non-profit field.

National Child Day at the Community Forum

With Keynote Speaker, The Honourable Margaret Norrie McCain

Often called Canada's Champion for Children, Margaret Norrie McCain is an Order of Canada Officer and former Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. Hear this remarkable voice for children as we celebrate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Rights of Every Child to be Safe from Harm and to Protection from Sexual Exploitation.

- * Community Resource Display *
- * Traditional Okanagan Welcome – 6:30pm *
- * Children's Choir *
- * Short Presentation - *The State of the Child in the Central Okanagan* *
- * *Voices of Youth and Children*, presented by School Essay Competition Winners *

Childminding for children 7 and under available by request on a limited first come-first served basis.

Place: Okanagan College Theatre
Date: November 20, 2008
Time: 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Please reserve your seats as soon as possible:

Call: 250-868-2413
Email: info@catchcoalition.ca

Sandra Oloffs

Grants Coordinator, Central Okanagan Foundation

A special message from Sandi Oloffs:

"I wish to express sincere gratitude for the experience I have had as Grants Coordinator/Administrative Assistant with the Central Okanagan Foundation these past nine years. To all of

you who I have worked with in the nonprofit community a big - THANK YOU!! It has been a pleasure and learning experience that has changed me. I am thrilled to say that I will be starting work on October 21st for Trinity Baptist Church in their Youth Ministries department."

Volunteer Board Members Needed **PLAN Okanagan**

They are seeking new board members with a background in areas like financial planning, legal work, and fund development/fund raising. The AGM will be held on Tuesday, November 18 and the contact person for those interested is [PLAN Okanagan President Dave Paynter](#), who can be reached at [250-768-4815](tel:250-768-4815).

PLAN Okanagan is a non-profit, not direct government funded, family directed association that serves families and people with disabilities to develop a vision and plan for the future through one-to-one consultation with family mentors and in workshop settings. Who will be there for their brother, sister, son or daughter when they die? Planning for the future in the best way to ensure a safe and secure future for a relative with a disability.

Provincial News

Community Partnership Development Funding Opportunity **Three-year pilot initiative**

The Welcoming and Inclusive Communities and Workplaces Program is a three-year pilot initiative which supports WelcomeBC by fostering inclusive, welcoming and vibrant communities in British Columbia where immigrants can realize their full potential, racism is eliminated, and cultural diversity is valued and celebrated. WICWP has four community-level program elements that focus on immigration, multiculturalism, workplace diversity and issues related to building and sustaining welcoming and inclusive communities. The Ministry of Community Partnership Development is seeking projects that are developmental and collaborative in nature, and will serve as an initial starting point for community capacity building. Information on the Community Partnership Development application process is located at:

http://www.welcomebc.ca/en/service_providers/wicwp.html

Interested organizations are invited to submit applications for the second round of the Community Partnership Development funding. The deadline for applications is October 20, 2008.

Volunteers Recognized with Charitable Contributions **A new program will make charitable donations on behalf of BC volunteers**

A new program will make charitable donations on behalf of BC volunteers to honour their contribution and mark the Province's 150th anniversary year, Premier Gordon Campbell announced today.

"Volunteers in every corner of the Province generously give their time and efforts to their communities," said Premier Campbell. "Volunteers coach minor soccer; they organize arts festivals; they work tirelessly for charities that benefit everyone. Volunteers are the heart and soul of British Columbia."

The BC150 Volunteer Incentive Program (BC150 VIP) will honour 30,000 eligible British Columbian volunteers who donate their time to a charitable event with a \$50 donation in their name. The program will start now and run until December 31, 2009. All volunteers for eligible events will receive a congratulatory card from the Premier.

For more information and for the applications for BC150VIP go to:

<http://www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/bc150-volunteer.htm>

or call the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch at 250-387-5311.

Federal News

11th Annual Donner Awards ***Presented to Canada's best-run non-profit social service organizations***

The 11th Annual Donner Awards will be presented at a celebratory luncheon in Toronto on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. \$70,000 in awards will be presented to Canada's best-run non-profit social service organizations, short-listed from 601 applicants from across Canada, where you can view displays about these award winning organizations and mingle with other guests from the business and philanthropic community.

For more information, or to register for this event, go to:

http://www.donnerawards.org/main/index.php?090308_Donner%20Finalists.pdf

Funding & Resources

Stronger Together: Learning and Connecting ***BCHC Seed Grants Phase IV***

BCHC Seed Grants are small, one-time-only funding opportunities that encourage and support efforts to improve community health and well-being, and to promote optimum human development, in communities throughout the province. The maximum amount per grant is \$2,500.00. The Seed Grant program includes a preliminary workshop with successful lead and partner agencies and the support of the BCHC Regional Facilitator to plan and implement the Seed Grant Initiative using the BCHC Capacity Building Framework.

Seed Grants support local and regional groups to undertake activities and processes that integrate the Healthy Communities approach into everyday thinking and practice.

The program has two primary goals:

- a) To build community knowledge of the healthy communities approach; and
- b) To enhance community capacity to implement a healthy communities approach

For more information go to: [BC Healthy Communities - Seed Grants](#)

In-Kind Help for Non-Profits: ***Free Design Service***

The Alberta College of Art and Design's Public Design Service pairs 4th year Visual Communications Design Students with non-profit organizations who need top level design to reach their communications objectives. Sometimes these organizations cannot afford to get professional design help. The students can offer assistance with brochures, advertising, posters, stationary, logos, newsletters, publications, signage, websites, illustration, or character design. The program is win-win: the students get 'real world' experience; the clients get quality design work for free (the design service is free, but an honorarium is required and outside costs like printing are borne by the client). Students are supervised by instructors to ensure quality. Visit www.acadpublicdesign.org for more information or contact Larry Riedl at 403-284-7619 or publicdesign@acad.ca.

New Horizons for Seniors Program ***Capital Assistance component is now underway***

The call for Applications for the New Horizons for Seniors Program (Capital Assistance component) is now underway. **The closing date is November 14, 2008 for BC and the Yukon.** Capital Assistance provides grant funding up to \$25,000.00 for upgrading community facilities and equipment related to existing programs for seniors. Across Canada, the New Horizons for Seniors helps to ensure that seniors can benefit from, and contribute to the quality of life in their communities through social participation.

Who is eligible for Capital Assistance?

- Non-profit organizations that have been delivering community programs and activities for seniors for at least the last two years.
- Community programs and activities refer to programs and activities that are primarily for seniors and that are available to seniors in the broader community.

For further information, to Check eligibility, to Check Application Review Process, or for an application go to: http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/community_partnerships/seniors/index.shtml

Social Finance: ***A hopeful alternative for mission success***

A recent report graced the pages of **CharityVillage**, giving the nonprofit community reason for pause. Titled, Strengthening Organizational Capacity, it drew its findings from an online survey of 235 nonprofit professionals in Canada, the US and the United Kingdom. Co-authored by Charity Village's own **Maggie Leithead**, and **Natasha van Bentum**, a sector veteran currently at Power Up Canada, the report found that while nonprofits may have heard of social finance, few understood it.

For those of us without an MBA or experience in investment banking, social finance can be a bit daunting. Okay, very daunting. Come to think of it, even experts in the field trying to configure this relatively new but growing trend find it challenging. For van Bentum, the motivation to learn more about it stemmed from her constant search for capital while working in the environmental sector. "I was totally frustrated by the very small, teensy weensy piece of the pie that goes to the environment." As van Bentum would certainly attest, social finance is a worthy tool to get one's head around.

To read the article, go to: <http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/news/cover.asp>

BC Philanthropist creates endowment for emerging artists ***Will allow Vancouver Art Gallery to purchase works from emerging artists***

British Columbian philanthropist Michael Audain recently established an endowment for emerging artists at the Vancouver Art Gallery (VAG). The \$2 Million Audain Emerging Artists Acquisition Fund

will allow the VAG to purchase work by emerging artists in perpetuity, and is the largest fund of its kind in the country, according to a report by the *Globe and Mail*. The gallery will use income from the endowment – 4 to 5 percent each year – to acquire works from emerging BC artists, generally under 35, who have not had solo exhibitions in key institutions.

For more information about the Vancouver Art Gallery, visit: www.vanartgallery.bc.ca.

2009 Business & Community Partnership Forum: Nonprofit Stream ***Extended Deadline!***

Imagine Canada is pleased to announce that the 2009 Business & Community Partnership Forum: Nonprofit Stream will be held March 4 and 5, 2009 in Vancouver, BC.

This year's theme is *Creating High Impact Business & Community Partnerships*. We are inviting you to share your experiences and best practices in partnership development. Themes reflect the diversity of today's cultural and social environment, the need for sustainability in our practices and partnerships and how innovation relates to growth and capacity development.

Discussion will focus on developing best practice partnership protocol, working collaboratively and developing long term relationships. The Forum will feature successful Canadian and International partnership programs that leverage the strengths and assets of each participant.

Nonprofits need to understand the motivations and realities of the business environment in order to engage the support of business. Join over 100 nonprofit leaders for two days of fully interactive networking sessions with peers, gaining practical tips and tools for effective and lasting partnership development.

For further information go to: www.imaginecanada.ca

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## **Education and Training**

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Relationship Matters: Harnessing the Power of Attachment ***A community presentation & professional workshop***

Society has changed. So too have the challenges of parenting and teaching. We all want our children to realize their full potential. We all want our children to become caring and considerate individuals. Yet achieving these outcomes seems to be getting harder in today's world. How do we provide the conditions children need to truly grow up? How do we provide direction and discipline without it backfiring? How do we shield our children against the rising tide of aggression, bullying, and addictions? Dr. Gordon Neufeld addresses these issues and points to a way through. His approach is refreshing and his insights make sense, not only of today's society but also of the children and youth in our care.

Dates: November 6 – 7 pm to 9 pm (Community presentation \$10.00/person)
November 7 – 8:30 am to 4 pm (Professional workshop \$150/person—including lunch)
Location: Royal Anne Hotel, 348 Bernard St., Kelowna

To register and reserve your place by October 31, or for additional information, contact Lorraine Helgerson at Kelowna Youth and Family Services at 250-763-2405.

Partners Solving Youth Homelessness – A National Conference ***CONFERENCE PROGRAM NOW ONLINE!***

This groundbreaking national event will be a powerful catalyst for knowledge-sharing and collective action on youth homelessness in Canada AND a remarkable opportunity to lend your ideas and your voice to ***Raising the Roof's National Strategy to Solve Youth Homelessness***.

Who will be there:

- Miloon Kothari, Former Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing for the UN Human Rights Council and advocate for the homeless/disadvantaged.
- Leaders and front-line staff from youth-serving agencies across Canada.
- Canada's most respected researchers on at-risk and homeless youth.
- Corporate executives from some of Canada's leading companies.
- Canada's youth.

Visit http://www.raisingtheroof.org/popup/psuh_en.html to view the conference program.

Dates: November 19, 20, 21, 2008
Location: Holiday Inn, King Street, Toronto, ON

Space is limited, so register soon to avoid missing out on this opportunity.



Do you have news related to volunteer management, volunteerism, or the voluntary sector workshops, events etc that you wish to share with your colleagues? Send Community Information and Volunteer Centre (CIVC) your information at informkelowna@kcr.ca by the 20th of the month.

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