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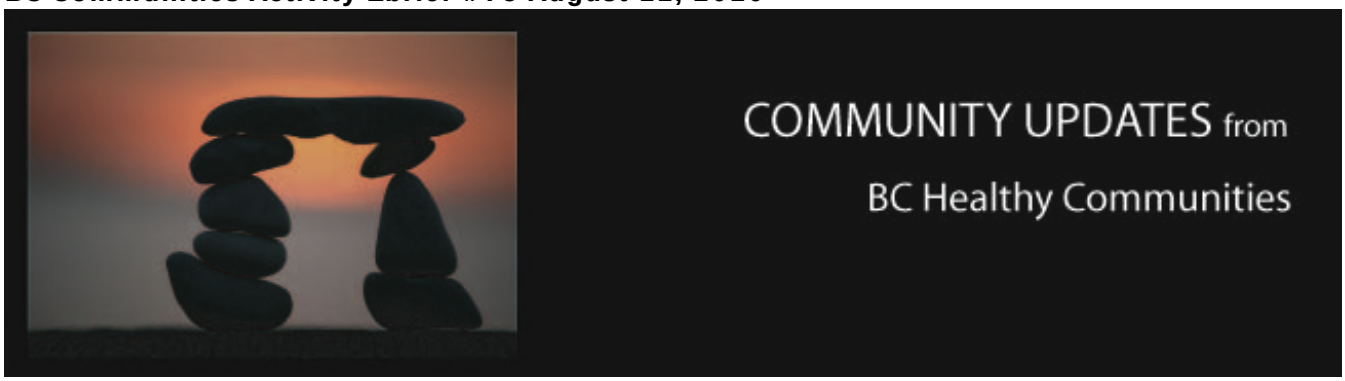

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Events

Be Part of BC's first Public Policy Institute – Now Accepting Applications!
Advance your organization's critical policy issues. Increase your insight into the policy process. Develop the key strategies that influence decision-making. Led by former premier Mike Harcourt, the United Way Public Policy Institute offers innovative, real world skills and knowledge. Targeted to senior managers grappling with dynamic challenges in social and health services, participants will learn how they can help change the future by shaping public policy. Designed to accommodate busy non-profit leaders, sessions will be delivered over 12 days from January to June 2011. Open to participants from across the province, bursaries will be provided to cover tuition, accommodation and travel.
Application Deadline: Sept. 15, 2010
For more information: contact Yves Trudel at ppi@uwlm.ca

Upcoming Event: 2010 Young Parent Conference
The BC Aliance for Young Parents and BC Council for Families are holding **Young Parents Moving Forward**. The goal of this year's conference is to educate and inform participants on current topics and critical issues affecting young parents, from sexuality and relationships, substance abuse and homelessness, to adolescent development and parenting skills.
When: October 22
Where: Vancouver
For more information: http://www.bccf.ca/ (available in August)

Sustainable Community Development Certificate

Policy makers, politicians and staff should be attending the Sustainable Community Development Program at SFU. It is a collection of teachings that are informative and timely for our changing landscapes, presenting best practices that are being utilized by large cities, small rural communities and business to address their role in a sustainable future. A flexible program comprised of eight 2- and 3-day intensive courses over 10-18 months.
Deadline: August 30
Program Details: http://www.sfu.ca/city/scd-sustain.htm

Urban Design Certificate
The award-winning Urban Design Certificate Program is a part-time, interdisciplinary, mid-career professional development program, designed for working professionals from diverse backgrounds. Courses are taught by leading urban design practitioners in 2- and 3-day intensive courses in Vancouver, and occasionally in Alberta.
Deadline: August 30
Program Details: http://www.sfu.ca/city/udc.htm

Tools & Resources

National Summit on a People-Centred Economy: Resources On-Line
The National Summit on a People-Centred Economy presented a tremendous lineup of speakers and presentations by representatives from community economic development, cooperative and social economy sectors to build a common agenda and mobilize action for a secure, sustainable economy. Summit documents and videos of speakers, including best-selling author Raj Patel, Ken Delaney from the Steelworkers and Michael Peck from Mondragon, as well as Michael Ignatieff, Jean-Pierre Blackburn and others are now available on-line.
Check it out: http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca/en/summit

Public Engagement Practices Survey
You'll be asked to share details about your most successful public engagement project, some information on your least successful project, and links and citations to reports and other resources about your projects.
Links and resources you share may be posted on the National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation (NCDD) website. The Fels Institute created the Promising Practice series to compile public sector solutions on timely subjects in accessible reports. The upcoming report will serve as a practitioner's guidebook for public engagement, highlighting success stories and lessons learned from local government or community involvement in implementing public engagement tactics.
Complete the survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/promisingpractices

Putting Co-operatives on the Map: Community Information Database and Co-operatives
The Community Information Database (CID) is a free internet-based tool that provides communities, researchers, and governments with access to consistent and reliable socio-economic and demographic data for all communities and regions across Canada. The tool provides more than 900 social, demographic, and economic indicators, including population, income, employment, health, housing and many others. The data are presented in the form of interactive maps, tables, and charts.
Check it out: www.cid-bdc.ca

Growing Vegetables Upside Down
If pests and blight are wrecking your plants, it might be time to turn your garden on its head.
Check it out: http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/20/garden/20tomato.html

Changing the Landscape
Through case studies, stories, activities, real life lessons and practical recommendations, this Guidebook offers insights and tools to bring youth engagement to life in organizations and communities.
Check it out:http://www.youthscape.ca/LearningCentre_Changing%20the%20Landscape.html

Funding Opportunities

More Sogo Active Grants Available
If you missed the last Sogo Active grant deadline don't worry, there is another chance to apply for funding! Sign up as a Community Host Organization, post a challenge or event and apply for funding. Organizations can apply for up to $250 to host one-time events and up to $500 for challenges that run for at least 8 weeks.

Deadline: August 20, 2010.
For more information: www.sogoactive.com or email sogoactive@bcrpa.bc.ca

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