

Conference Program

WHAT'S WORKING IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?

June 23 -25, 2008 – Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada



iACD
International Association for Community Development
Association Internationale de Développement et d'Action Communautaires

HORIZONS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES INC.

Conference Partners



Conference Sponsors



Message from the Planning Committee

GREETINGS from the *What's Working in Community Development?* Planning Committee

We are very excited about the conference and look forward to welcoming you to Wolfville and Nova Scotia, Canada.

We have two main objectives for the conference:

- 1) to facilitate the exchange of good practice information and research; and
- 2) to facilitate networking among community development practitioners and researchers in Atlantic Canada, North America, and around the world.

You can look forward to a variety of styles of presentations, plenary work, theatre, interactive exercises, and even a mini film festival! The conference will be a great place to have fun and engage with colleagues in a meaningful way, all in a relaxed and casual environment. We are very pleased to be welcoming delegates from around the world – the diversity and broad range of perspectives promises to be both interesting and challenging. We look forward to good dialogue as we build a collective understanding of what's working in community development.

We will be showcasing asset-based community development work throughout the conference. You will have an opportunity to hear from *ABCD* practitioners from different parts of the world, notably Nova Scotia's own *Coady International Institute*. The *International Association for Community Development* and the *Carnegie UK Trust* will also be launching a new joint publication on asset based community development. You will also have an opportunity to become part of a growing international community of practice on *ABCD*, building on the work of the *Asset Based Community Development Institute* at *Northwestern University* and the *Coady International Institute*.

We look forward to sharing learnings and having fun. Safe travels and we'll see you in June!

– The *'What's Working in Community Development'* Planning Committee

About the Conference

■ WHO SHOULD ATTEND

We've designed our conference with a number of stakeholders in mind.

Please consider joining us if you:

- Are a community development practitioner;
- Conduct research in the field of community development;
- Have an interest in linking with other community development practitioners and researchers around the world; and/or
- Would like to share your experience and learn from the experience of others.



About the Conference

■ IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Registration Early Bird Deadline: **April 18th**
- Final Registration/Accommodation Deadline: **May 16th**

■ CONFERENCE ATMOSPHERE

Nova Scotia is well known for its hospitality – we know that you will enjoy your time with us. The conference environment is comfortable and casual – business attire will not be required for any of the conference events.

All conference sessions on June 23rd and 24th will be held at the Festival Theatre and the Beveridge Arts Centre at Acadia University. The optional field trips on June 25th will be held in various locations throughout western Nova Scotia.

Please respect our smoke-free and scent-free policy. Smoking is permitted only in designated outdoor areas. Please do not use perfumes or colognes, or any strongly scented personal toiletry products.

Spaces for prayer are available on campus at the Wong International Centre and the Manning Memorial Chapel.

Local artisans and small businesses will have their wares for sale in the lobby of the Festival Theatre June 23rd and 24th.

Come prepared to share, learn and have fun!

■ ON-SITE REGISTRATION/INFORMATION DESK FESTIVAL THEATRE

Our Registration/Information Desk will be open at the following times:

Sunday, June 22nd	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Monday, June 23rd	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Tuesday, June 24th	8:00 am – 4:00 pm

■ CREATING COMMUNITY

A unique element of the conference will be the creation of a large group art piece that celebrates community.

Please bring something to contribute that celebrates community in your part of the world.

- It will need to be a square (8 inches by 8 inches).
- It can be made from cloth, wood, paper, canvas, or anything you like.
- It can be a painting, drawing, photograph, clipping, poem, essay, textile, or anything you like.
- Your square will not be returning home with you.

Be as creative as you like!

On the back of the square, please provide your name, organization, contact information, and a few words about why your square celebrates your community.

We will have some supplies available at the conference for anyone who is not able to prepare their square ahead of time.

■ PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITIES

We've included optional physical activity opportunities in the conference schedule.

The times are:

Monday, June 23rd	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Tuesday, June 24th	6:30 am – 7:30 am
Wednesday, June 25th	6:30 am – 7:30 am

Local volunteers will be leading these sessions: join a group for yoga, a walk on the interpretive trails through the *Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens*, or a run on the *Wolfville dykes*. Those staying on campus can use the facilities at the *Acadia Athletic Complex*.



Conference Schedule

Monday, June 23rd

10:00 – 11:00 am	WELCOME & CONFERENCE OPENING
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	OPENING PLENARY: Asset Based Community Development Presentation by Two Planks and a Passion Theatre Company <i>An engaging, interactive theatrical presentation that draws on people's experiences to illustrate the challenges and delights of doing asset based community development (ABCD) work, from a variety of perspectives.</i>
12:00 – 12:30 pm	PLENARY: Setting the Scene Joanne Linzey , Vice-President, Community Impact, <i>United Way of Canada/Centraide Canada</i> <i>As 'What's Working in Community Development' begins, we'll paint a picture of what's happening in the North American context through the United Way's Community Impact program. Community Impact is the mobilization of collective action to create measurable, cumulative lasting change that improves lives and builds resilient communities.</i>
12:45 – 1:45 pm	IACD AGM & LUNCHEON Sponsored by the Municipality of the County of Kings <i>Outgoing IACD President Gary Craig will share highlights from his tenure overseeing the revitalization of the organization, and outline key challenges for the ongoing work of IACD.</i>
2:00 – 2:30 pm	PLENARY: Live from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada: Linking with Community Development Society (CDS) Conference <i>Facilitator: IACD President Alex Ruhunda, Fort Portal, Uganda</i> <i>This session will provide a link with the CDS conference, which is happening concurrently in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. IACD and CDS Presidents will address each other's delegates, and pose some critical questions about community development for delegates to consider throughout the two conferences.</i>
2:45 – 3:45 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS <i>(Cont'd.)</i>



Conference Schedule

Monday, June 23rd (cont'd)

2:45 – 3:45 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONT'D.)
A	<p>WORKSHOP: The Use of On-line Seminar Technology – Global Reach in Creating Networks and Building Skills for Community Development <i>Facilitators: Patsy Beattie-Huggan & Sarah Lowry, The Quaich Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada</i></p> <p><i>This practical workshop will demonstrate the potential of on-line seminar technology for building capacity in community development by engaging participants in an on-line seminar on the Circle of Health®. On-line seminar technology is interactive, convenient, efficient, easily accessible and affordable, crossing geographical boundaries with opportunities for sharing practical tools and research and to generate knowledge and build capacity for community development. Find out how this technology can link communities and build your global capacity – and learn more about how to use the Circle of Health®, an innovative framework for creating healthier communities now in use in over twenty countries and available in English, French and Spanish!</i></p>
B	<p>WORKSHOP: Youth as Community Change Makers <i>Facilitator: Brian Braganza, Heartwood Centre for Community Youth Development Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada</i></p> <p><i>Youth are a vital resource for community development initiatives. Heartwood's Framework for Community Youth Development provides some of the tools, principles and processes to support youth engagement, and to help adult systems create more youth friendly services and environments.</i></p>
C	<p>PRESENTATION THEME: Business & International Development</p> <p>The PRODECO Experience in Paraguay: Lessons for Community Development Practitioners Jeff Alwang, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA</p> <p><i>This presentation will focus on the purpose and goals of the intervention, the PRODECO (Proyecto Piloto de Desarrollo Comunitario) experience, how the project was supposed to build local capacity and lessons learned.</i></p>



Conference Schedule

Monday, June 23rd (cont'd)

Reflections on a Decade of Community Development Work in Tanzania
Greg Cameron, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada

This presentation will be a theoretical reflection on the community development work of the presenter as a 'development worker' in Zanzibar, Tanzania throughout the 1990s, along with other participants. It will engage participants in contemporary community development debates.

D

PRESENTATION THEME: Research & Planning

The Models for Rural Development and Community Capacity Building Research Program – Emerging Themes and Interim Findings
Nelson Rogers, Canada Rural Secretariat, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

The Models for Rural Development and Community Capacity Building is a research program of the Rural Secretariat. The models are working with local, regional and national partnerships to examine the operation of networking, capacity building, and participatory approaches to inform program and policy development.

Community and Development Worker: Partners in Learning
Marjorie Geron, HomeGround Services, Victoria, Australia

This presentation will focus on the ways the community and the development worker as partners learn, in the process of doing community development. Comparison and contrast will be made across two different cultural situations.

Linking Local Governance with Community Development Through Collaborative Approaches

Sophia Imran, Canadian International Development Agency, Lahore, Pakistan

This session, based on some practical experiences within the local government system will discuss how asset based community development helps to engage people as citizens in development and makes local governance more effective and responsive.

E

PRESENTATION THEME: Grassroots Community Development

Key Strategies to Thrive During Times of Change and Chaos
Marjorie Willison, Chebucto Communities Development Association
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

(Cont'd.)



Conference Schedule

Monday, June 23rd (cont'd)

This presentation will identify the learnings of over 30 years of community development work based originally on a multi-service model, and identifies key strategies to move forward in spite of changes in government priorities and fluctuating funding.

Business-Community Partnership: Is Enhancing Community Development through Business Social Investment Working?

Love Chile, Auckland University of Technology, Auckland, New Zealand

The session will explore critical questions such as how the interests of parties are served in business.

F

PRESENTATION THEME: Creative Rural Communities

How Immigrant Attraction and Retention Can Work in Small and Rural Communities

Margot Bégin-Gillis, Colchester Regional Development Authority
Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada

Based on lessons learned in the Colchester region of Nova Scotia, this session will cover some of the practical steps that small and rural communities can take to attract and retain immigrants to meet their population, skill and investment needs. Dispelling the myth that 'immigrants only want to settle in large, urban centres' this discussion will examine how smaller communities can successfully attract immigrants by being welcoming and responsive.

Examining Linkages Between Community Economic Development Practices and Economic Growth in Rural Manitoba

Ruth Mealy, Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives
Brandon, Manitoba, Canada

This presentation will discuss the results of research that examines the current role of selected rural Manitoba communities, their community economic development functions and the communities' economic status in order to determine possible linkages.



Conference Schedule

Monday, June 23rd (cont'd)

G

PRESENTATION THEME: Inclusion, Empowerment, & Community Development

Strategies for Inclusivity: Does Direct Attention to Poverty Make a Difference in Rural Communities?

Cornelia Butler Flora, North Central Regional Center for Rural Development & **Jan L. Flora Ames**, Iowa State University, Iowa, USA

The Horizons program brings together state and civil society actors to address poverty in rural community. Different definitions of poverty provide the basis for a coaching strategy for community understanding of poverty in their community. The resulting community-based actions had differential impacts on rural poverty.

Whither Empowerment: Will Capacity Building Pay Off?

Supriya Pattanayak, UK Dept for International Development India, Bhubaneswar, India

This session will document some of the lessons learned and identify the nature of transformational change and empowerment that is occurring at the grassroot level as a result of the capacity building.

H

PRESENTATION THEME: Food & Community Building

Using Participatory Approaches to Health Promotion Research: The Nova Scotia Participatory Food Security Projects

Lesley Frank, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, **Michelle Amero**, Nova Scotia Department of Health Promotion and Protection, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada **Karen LeBlanc**, Maggie's Place Family Support Centre, Amherst, Nova Scotia Canada, **Debbie Williams**, Nova Scotia Participatory Food Costing Project, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada & **Shelley Moran**, Public Health Services, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Partners from the Nova Scotia Participatory Food Security Projects will discuss their learnings of conducting participatory action research that aims to promote and support the development of policies and practices to build food security in the province. This presentation will explore the relationship between participatory action research and community development highlighting concepts of collaboration and participation, mutual learning and capacity building and using research for action for policy change.



Conference Schedule

Monday, June 23rd (cont'd)

	<p>Building Stronger Communities Through Local Food Beth McMahon, <i>Atlantic Canada Organic Regional Network</i>, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada, Cindy Johnson, <i>VOICES</i>, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada & Jamey Coughlin, <i>Nova Scotia Dept of Agriculture</i>, Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada</p> <p><i>In Nova Scotia, many dynamic community development initiatives are using food to support rural communities. This presentation will focus on two unique approaches to engaging community and working to increase local, healthy food production and consumption. Presenters will explore how food can be an effective tool in sustainable community development.</i></p>
3:45 – 4:00 pm	<p>BREAK Sponsored by Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op and Darrell Houghton Insurance</p> <p><i>Enjoy fair trade coffee and tea, with healthy snacks. Gerard Murphy will lead the adventurous in a short international line dance – no rhythm required!</i></p>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: Building Links Around the World Facilitator: Ron Hayes, <i>ArtCan</i>, Canning, Nova Scotia, Canada</p> <p><i>In this plenary exercise, we will use the Celebrating Community Squares that each delegate has prepared as a metaphor for building links among communities and networks around the world.</i></p>
6:00 – 7:00 pm	<p>RECEPTION: Town of Wolfville Welcome Reception</p> <p><i>Join the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Wolfville for networking and socializing in the beautiful Garden Room of the KC Irving Environmental Science Centre. Learn about the Town's status as the first Fair Trade town in Canada, and about its policies and legislation to address sustainability.</i></p>
7:00 – 8:00 pm	<p>DINNER</p> <p><i>A casual meal with conference delegates.</i></p>
8:00 pm	<p>NOVA SCOTIA KITCHEN PARTY</p> <p><i>All the best parties in Nova Scotia happen in the kitchen! We don't have a kitchen big enough for all our guests, but we plan to introduce you the sounds and fun of a Nova Scotia good time. The party will be open to the public, so you will have an opportunity to mingle with local community members.</i></p>



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th

7:00 – 8:15 am	BREAKFAST <i>Canadian International Development Agency – Afghanistan Task Force presentation</i>
8:15 – 8:30 am	WELCOME BACK/CHECK IN
8:30 – 9:30 am	PLENARY: Provocative Futures for Asset-Based Community Development <i>Panel: Alison Mathie & Gord Cunningham, Coady International Institute, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada, Hannah Nel, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa, Kate Braithwaite, Carnegie UK Trust, Scotland & Tara O’Leary, IACD, Scotland</i> <i>Moderator: Nick Wilding, Carnegie UK Trust, Fife, United Kingdom</i> <i>The future presents multiple challenges for our collective work to cultivate sustainable, resilient communities. Panelists will talk about their experiences from different parts of the world, and address leading edges in community development practice that build on the best of what has gone before and hold promise as we peer into these futures. The panel will also include the launch of a joint IACD/Carnegie Trust publication highlighting good practice in ABCD around the world.</i>
9:45 – 10:45 am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS
A	WORKSHOP: Nova Scotia Community Counts – Using Data for Sustainable Community Development <i>Facilitator: Malcolm Shookner, Nova Scotia Department of Finance, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada</i> <i>Communities need data to inform and support their sustainable development. The Nova Community Counts information system is a web-based resource for communities and government to provide data and information for evidence-supported decision-making by policy makers, program planners and community developers.</i>



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th (cont'd)

B	<p>WORKSHOP: Using a Matrix (Multiple Lens) Approach to Prevention and Community Education in Northern Nova Scotia</p> <p><i>Facilitators: James Shedden & Heidi MacLeod, Colchester East Hants Health Authority, Elmsdale, Nova Scotia, Canada, Jayne MacCarthy, Pictou County Health Authority, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada, and Sophie Melanson & Sandra Marie Partridge, Cumberland Health Authority, Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada</i></p> <p><i>Prevention and Community Education staff from the Northern Region of Nova Scotia have developed a matrix approach to service delivery that uses five established service standards viewed through three distinct lenses to promote accurate messaging, effectively market services and build protective factors. Facilitators will use specific examples and provide a framework for other professionals to use in their own environment in a dynamic and interactive way.</i></p>
C	<p>PRESENTATION THEME: Community & Health Planning</p> <p>People Assessing Their Health: Envisioning the Path for Healthy Community Development Maureen Coady, St Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada</p> <p><i>People Assessing Their Health (PATH) is a community development process that builds capacity in community members to take ownership of their own community development process. It provides them with their own health impact assessment tool for use in assessing the potential impact of development policies, projects or programs.</i></p> <p>What is Right? What is Just? What is for the Public Good? Marilyn More & Brian Meloche, The Public Good Society of Dartmouth, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada</p> <p><i>This presentation will highlight an award winning social development initiative that provides the best opportunity for local level planning for crime prevention and addressing social determinants of health through a collaborative approach and integration of services.</i></p>
D	<p>PRESENTATION THEME: Building Community</p> <p>Health Research Process in African Nova Scotian Communities – Using an Africentric Philosophy Phyllis Marsh-Jarvis & Anna Jacobs, Health Association of African Canadians, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada <i>(Con't.)</i></p>



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th (cont'd)

This is the first research of its kind in Canada. Using Africentric philosophy, a partnership of the Health Association of African Canadians and Capital Health researched the health risks and various diseases in the Black communities of North Preston, East Preston and Cherry Brook/Lake Loon. This session will explain how the research process included the community in its research, raised awareness of health issues, and provided the community with tools to perform an analysis of their situation based on historical oppression, race and social class.

Time Banking – An Innovative Approach to Growing Volunteerism

Valerie White & Nancy Radcliffe, Nova Scotia Department of Seniors, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Similar to "pay it forward", the Time Banking concept is simple: for every hour you spend doing something for someone in your community, you earn one Time Dollar, which you can spend by having someone do something for you. The Department of Seniors has embraced Time Banking as a community development tool that engages seniors, improves socialization, builds trust, connects resources with needs, and turns passive recipients into active participants who are valued and rewarded. Time Banks in other countries also have a successful track record for recruiting "new" volunteers – 50% of the people involved have never volunteered before!

E

PRESENTATION THEME: Engaging Youth

Citizen (Community?) Stewards: Reclaiming the Authority Privilege and Duty of Stewardship

John Terry, Gulf of Maine Institute, Dayton, Maine, USA & **Dan Earle**, Gulf of Maine Expedition Association, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

This presentation will focus on the importance of helping youth and mentors spearhead environmentally based community development projects across the bioregion. Youth, working with local communities environmentalists and scientists, assume the authority, responsibility and duty to plan and steward their local environmental projects. This connects and bonds them to their local and bioregional communities and simultaneously their social communities.

Student Entrepreneurs + Experiential Learning = Stronger Communities

Brennan Gillis & Dave Upton, Nova Scotia Association of Community Business Development Corporations, Elmsdale, Nova Scotia, Canada

Students contribute to their economies and communities when they are provided with the right resources. Learn about the successes, challenges and lessons learned from Nova Scotia's Students in the Business Program.



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th (cont'd)

F

PRESENTATION THEME: Building Community Development into Practice

Linking the Individual & the Community: Understanding Occupational Therapists' Approaches to Community Development

Heidi Lauckner, *Queen's University/Dalhousie University*, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

A multiple case study of occupational therapists engaging in community development was conducted to explore the process in practice. This presentation provides an overview of the key lessons learned about the process of community development engaged in by occupational therapists.

Community Art for Community Health

Dorothy Lander & Jane Dawson, *St. Francis Xavier University*, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada, **Frances Wittgens**, *Community Education*, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada, & **John Graham-Pole**, *University of Florida*, Gainesville, Florida, USA

The value for community development practice and research, of a seven-week Art for Health program in Antigonish, features in this presentation. The presenters, also facilitators and artists, engage in a four-way conversation focused on an audiovisual record of caregivers and cared for, making art and community.

G

PRESENTATION THEME: Partnerships in Service Delivery

A Community Works Together to Provide Integrated Services to At-Risk Populations

Jill Cristensen & Joanne MacKinnon, *Yellowknife Health and Social Services Authority*, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada

The presentation will highlight the community development process used in the transition of a medical clinic to a multidisciplinary community health clinic in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. The speakers will identify opportunities, challenges, best practices and expected and unexpected outcomes. The goal for a multidisciplinary, community-based clinic that provides enhanced services to 'at risk' clients is realized through the Great Slave Community Health Clinic.

Understanding Community Development and Child Development in Rural Nova Scotia

Peggy Duncan & Jeff Kelly, *Nova Scotia Community College*, Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada

Have you wondered if communities are doing enough to support healthy child development? Understanding the Early Years (UEY) is a community research and development initiative involving the Nova Scotia Community College, Annapolis Valley School Board, families, community agencies, and Social Development Canada. (Cont'd.)



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th (cont'd)

	<p><i>UEY looks at how neighbourhoods, programs and services, families, schools, and child care facilities influence childhood development and how, when presented with this information, communities can put into place action plans to help children reach their full potential.</i></p>
<p>H</p>	<p>PRESENTATION THEME: Healthy Lifestyles & Community Development</p> <p>ESPAR: A Sexual Education Program Geared Towards the Empowerment of Youth Living in Poor Neighbourhoods Laurence Fortin-Pellerin, Laval University, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada</p> <p><i>This presentation will highlight this program that seeks to establish collaboration between schools and community workers, and aims at empowering youth. Its evaluation shows an increase in participation, mutual aid, and critical thinking among youth living in poor neighbourhoods involved in the program.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Addressing Pregnancy and Tobacco Use: Merging Community Development and Health Promotion Principles to Impact Positively on Health Outcomes Gwenyth Dwyn, Annapolis Valley Health, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada & Phyllis Price & Sadie Watson, South Shore District Health Authority, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Canada</p> <p><i>A Nova Scotian project aimed at building capacity around a best practice approach to pregnancy and tobacco demonstrates how community development and health promotion principles can merge to impact positively on health outcomes.</i></p>
<p>I</p>	<p>Strengthening the International Community of Practice on Asset-Based Community Development Moderators: Nick Wilding, Carnegie UK Trust, Fife, UK, Alison Mathie & Gord Cunningham, Coady International Institute, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada & Jody Kretzmann, ABCD Institute, Evanston, Illinois, USA (to be confirmed)</p> <p><i>Building on the plenary panel and on discussions about ABCD throughout the conference, this participatory session will cultivate discussion and planning for future and ongoing international collaboration around asset and strengths based approaches to sustainable community development. (This session will continue during the afternoon networking session).</i></p>
<p>10:45 – 11:15 am</p>	<p>BREAK Sponsored by Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op</p> <p><i>Enjoy fair trade coffee and tea with healthy snacks. Gerard Murphy will lead the adventurous in a short international line dance – no rhythm required!</i></p>



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th (cont'd)

<p>11:15 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>PLENARY: Measuring Genuine Progress Ron Colman, Executive Director, <i>Genuine Progress Index Atlantic</i></p> <p><i>Ron will introduce the Genuine Progress Index (GPI) – an alternative to conventional economic growth-based measures of progress – that measures what really matters to communities, including their living standards, health and safety, volunteer work, community vitality, and environmental quality. In particular, he will present GPI results from Kings County and Cape Breton, Nova Scotia (where GPI Atlantic did its own survey work) to illustrate the utility of community-level indicator work.</i></p>
<p>12:15 – 1:45 pm</p>	<p>LUNCHEON WITH DEMOCRACY 250</p> <p><i>The Democracy 250 initiative recognizes Nova Scotia’s pioneering role in shaping the evolution of democracy in Canada by establishing the first representative government in our country. The aim is to recognize the importance of this significant achievement internationally, nationally and within the Province, as a way to celebrate our democratic traditions and achievements over the past 250 years, and to generate a greater appreciation of the value and importance of how democracy has positively influenced our lives and our nation’s prosperity.</i></p>
<p>2:00 – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</p>
<p>A</p>	<p>WORKSHOP: Leading, Linking & Letting Go – A Framework for Working with Community <i>Facilitators: Andrea Cochrane, Chebucto West Community Health Board, Capital Health, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada & Kelly Thompson, Cobequid Communitiy Health Board, Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, Canada</i></p> <p><i>This workshop will offer a framework to assist community developers in evaluating their role in initiatives, projects and processes and therefore enable them to continually assess levels of involvement. Do you lead, link or let go? A community developer’s job is done best when you can silently step away from the process as the community takes a hold of it!</i></p>
<p>B</p>	<p>WORKSHOP: Publication in the International Community Development Journal <i>Facilitator: Marjorie Mayo, University of London, London, United Kingdom</i></p> <p><i>This workshop will identify a number of themes that have been emerging, via the Community Development Journal, in recent years, highlighting the potential for shared learning from articles/ case studies that critically reflect on community development practice. (Cont’d.)</i></p>



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th (cont'd)

Participants will reflect upon how to maximize the learning from such case studies, and how to present their own practice experiences most effectively to facilitate such learning amongst a wider international audience, including dissemination via the Community Development Journal.

C **WORKSHOP: Improving Success through Linkages – Building Capacity & Improving Success**

Facilitator: George Parsons, Mariner Resource Opportunities Network Inc, Carbonear, Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada

Using case studies as examples, this workshop will demonstrate the necessity of linking social and economic development; the ways effective leadership can assist in creating communities that are more vibrant and identify options to build capacity and strengthen success. Participants will discuss the blending for socio/economic success, utilization of capacity building to ensure success, and steps in developing focus and ownership.

D **PRESENTATION THEME: Nova Scotia's Heritage – Land & Sea**

Nomination Grand Pré – Development and Organization of a Bid for the UNESCO World Heritage List

Erin Beaudin & Marianne Gates, Kings Community Economic Development Agency, Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada

In 2004, Grand-Pré was selected as one of eleven national properties out of 125 considered to be included on Canada's tentative list of World Heritage Sites. As a result, a steering committee was formed in March 2007 to begin work on a bid for Grand Pré and it is anticipated that a nomination proposal will be ready for submission in 2010. The Kings CED Agency, one of the organizers of the bid, will present an overview of the project, results to date and next steps.

Between the Land & the Sea: The Unexpected Evolution of Social Science Research to Social Enterprise

Ishbel Munro, Coastal Communities Network (CCN), New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada

Increasingly, non-profit organizations are looking for ways to support their organizations without government grants and project funding. CCN's experience conducting social science research, and discovering the value of research carried out by a non-profit organization, led to a social enterprise that helps CCN continue to meet the needs of rural and coastal communities throughout Nova Scotia.



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th (cont'd)

Fishing for the Future II: Tracking the Coastal Community Network from First Beginnings to Economic Sustainability

Paula Romanow, *Mount St Vincent University*, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada & **Erica de Sousa**, *Coastal Communities Network*, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada

This presentation will discuss a collaborative research project that began in February 2008. This project, Fishing for the Future II: Tracking the Coastal Communities Network from First Beginnings to Economic Sustainability is exploring the process that the organization has undergone from its inception 15 years ago during the fishery crisis, through its ensuing history, to its current place as the largest rural advocacy group in Nova Scotia. Models and best practices that will enable the CCN to shift from a strictly not-for-profit model towards one that will employ the idea of social entrepreneurship in an attempt to create economic viability and sustainability for itself in the future will be discussed.

E

PRESENTATION THEME: Learning the Hard Way

Exploring the Intended and Unintended Consequences of Building Sustainable Community in Wolfville, Nova Scotia

John Colton, Edith Callaghan, & Glyn Bissix, *Centre for Rural Sustainability*, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada

This presentation addresses the question of how to harness the collective aspirations and energy to build a sustainable community, and honour the diversity and complexity of its stakeholders and their respective perspectives, and emphasizes lessons learned that explores the theory and practice of moving communities toward sustainability. It highlights both outcomes that were intended and unintended, recognizing that it is those unintended impacts that often tell the story of building a sustainable community.

Managing Limited Water Resources: Drinking Water Management in Amaravathy, Kumily Panchayat, Kerala, India

Katharina Ganz, *Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts*, Lucerne, Switzerland

Over the last 15 years, water resources have become short in various regions of Kerala, India. Consequently, the government and a variety of development agencies to give relief to the affected communities particularly in times of drought and scarcity launched a large number of projects. However, many of the projects failed; they did not show any long-term effect or follow up. As part of our corporate programme, we tried to find out, why these projects failed, and to learn from the mistakes made in the past.



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th (cont'd)

F

PRESENTATION THEME: Planning in First Nations Communities

First Nation Comprehensive Community Planning: Planning the First Nation Way

Violet Paul, *Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs*, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, **Tracey Wade**, *Chignecto Consulting Group Inc.*, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada, **Phoebe Foster**, *Miawpukek First Nation*, Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada & **Barbara Colderone**, *Pabineau First Nation*, New Brunswick, Canada

Atlantic Canada leads the country in First Nation Comprehensive Community Planning (FNCCP) – a process that gives First Nation community members a voice in deciding the futures of their communities. Championed by First Nation leaders, the FNCCP process includes both governance development support for leaders and professional training for First Nation planners. This session speaks to this made-in-Atlantic process, best practices and lessons learned.

Community-Based Planning in First Nation Communities in Saskatchewan, Canada

Frank Palermo, *Cities & Environment Unit-Dalhousie University*, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

Since 2006, the Cities & Environment Unit has been working with four First Nation communities in Saskatchewan to develop Comprehensive Community-Based Planning (CCBP). The CCBP project represents a bold commitment to rethinking community development within First Nations. This presentation will focus on the lessons learned from the first phase of a three-phase CCBP pilot project.

G

PRESENTATION THEME: Education & Community Development

The Nova Scotia Community College as Community Capacity Builder!

Dale Gruchy, **Brenda Wallace-Allen** & **Bradford MacDonald**, *Nova Scotia Community College*, Kentville, Nova Scotia, Canada

The Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) believes that learning and capacity building form a natural platform from which to look at the future. NSCC's commitment to capacity building focuses on people and partnerships. This presentation, facilitated by instructors of the Kingstec Campus, will highlight NSCC's vision to use the community development process to provide education without borders through building capacity by developing partnerships with potential employers, international collaborators and through the completion of community based research.



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th (cont'd)

Schools are the Centre of Our Communities

Jen Kelday & Carolyn Whitby

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board, Berwick, Nova Scotia, Canada

The vision of the Health Promoting Schools Program is that all students in the Annapolis Valley are active and making healthy choices more often as this is one way to contribute to student learning outcomes, the prevention of chronic disease and develop healthy behaviours for life. Through strong partnerships, increased infrastructure, proper staffing and ongoing funding, equitable and accessible healthy programs will (and continue to) be available in school communities. Today almost all schools in the Annapolis Valley and their communities are engaged in some way with this program and Health Promoting Schools is now a provincial initiative. Learnings and key components will be presented.

H

PRESENTATION THEME: Volunteers & Community Health

Enabling Volunteer Capacity in District Health Planning: A Rural Canadian Case Study

Maureen Coady, St Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada

This qualitative study was undertaken in the Guysborough Antigonish Health Strait Authority (GASHA) in Nova Scotia, Canada establishes a volunteer perspective on the range of opportunities, resources and capacity building supports that enable community involvement in district health planning to be a positive and capacity building experience.

Community Health Boards: A Volunteer Based Model to Improving Community Health

Anna Jacobs & Cathy Leslie, Capital Health, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

Community Health Boards (CHBs) are a model for engaging communities in creating healthier people, healthier communities. We do this through partnership and financial support to other community based organizations working on local health issues. The focus of this session is the process CHBs use to build community capacity through the distribution of funds and the ongoing support they provide to community health initiatives.

I

PRESENTATION THEME: Partnerships in Community Development

Governance in Community Development: Learnings from the Chester Le Community

Sheela Subramanian, Chester Le Community Coalition & Jamillah Mananghaya

Agincourt, Community Services, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

(Cont'd.)



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th (cont'd)

The Chester Le Community Coalition (CLCC) came together in 2003 to respond to the increasing marginalization of residents in the Chester Le community (Scarborough, Ontario). In 2005, the CLCC applied for and received the City of Toronto's Service Development Investment Program grant, a 3-year funding program designed to assist community engagement initiatives to work on their organizational infrastructure. This grant is unique in highlighting the importance of and specific challenges associated with organizational development within a marginalized community setting. Coalition staff will share their learnings based on their experience developing a project governance model that would both develop the capacity of community members to govern alongside multiple stakeholders, and promote project sustainability.

No Community Left Behind

Abid Jan, South-East Ottawa Centre For A Healthy Community, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

This presentation will highlight an award winning social development initiative that provides the best opportunity for local level planning for crime prevention and addressing social determinants of health through a collaborative approach and integration of services.

Collaborative Rating Tool: Identifying Partners Strengths & Challenges

Frances Matheson, Halifax Regional Municipality, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada

The Collaborative Rating Tool is designed to assist Community Organizations/Boards and Funders in their efforts to ensure overall success. The tool identifies the strengths and challenges of both partners. It provides the mechanism to assess a funder's role/support and a board's performance in five key areas, Board Status & Structure, Business Planning of Services and Resources, Financial Management, Promotion/Marketing & Partnerships and Facility Management.

3:00 – 3:15 pm

BREAK Sponsored by Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op

*Enjoy fair trade coffee and tea with healthy snacks. **Gerard Murphy** will lead the adventurous in a short international line dance – no rhythm required!*

3:15 – 4:15 pm

PLENARY: Building Global Networks

With support from small group facilitators, participants will have an opportunity to develop strategies for networking – with each other and with other networks – beyond the conference. Participants will have an opportunity to work in interest groups. The ABCD International Community of Practice will continue its morning discussion during this session.



Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24th (cont'd)

4:15 – 5:00 pm	CONFERENCE WRAP-UP & CLOSING
6:15 – 10:00 pm	<p>SOCIAL AT HALL'S HARBOUR – Optional</p> <p><i>We'll visit beautiful Halls Harbour, home of 45-foot tides, on the shore of the Bay of Fundy for a lobster supper and social. (Other dinner options available. Select through online registration.)</i></p> <p>Cost: \$35 CDN plus 13% HST/person.</p>

Wednesday, June 25th

Optional Conference Field Trips

All Day Field Trips	<p>SELECT ONE:</p> <p>Cost: \$50 CDN plus 13% HST/person (includes transportation and lunch).</p>
	<p>Faces of Nova Scotia</p> <p><i>Visit the Acadian community of Clare and learn about its alternative transportation program, Le Transport de Clare, as well as the many community initiatives taken on by this vibrant, culturally rich area. A traditional Acadian lunch will be served. From Clare, travel to the Bear River First Nation and the neighbouring community of Bear River. Here you will visit the Bear River First Nation Heritage and Cultural Centre and learn about this community. You will also have the opportunity to meet community organizers in the village of Bear River and learn about their community economic development efforts in the 'Switzerland of Nova Scotia'.</i></p>
	<p>Coffee & The Arts</p> <p><i>Start the day with a cup of Fair Trade and organic coffee at Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op in Grand Pré, Canada's first Fair Trade coffee roaster. Learn about the Co-op's relationship with farmers around the world and their excellent line of products including coffee, tea, chocolate and sugar. Tour the on-site Fair Trade Museum. From Just Us!, travel to Ross Creek Centre for the Arts in Ross Creek, where you will learn about their arts education for youth and their community and professional artist programs. Then travel back to Wolfville to tour and learn about the Acadia Cinema Cooperative. Carole Roy of St Francis Xavier University will present on the community development value of documentary film festivals in her presentation Learning the World and Building a Sense of Community while Watching the Silver Screen: Community Education through Documentary Film Festivals. The tour will end with an afternoon film screening, which will be open to the public.</i></p>



Conference Schedule

Wednesday, June 25th (cont'd)

Optional Conference Field Trips (Cont'd.)

All Day Field Trips	SELECT ONE: Cost: \$50 CDN plus 13% HST/person (includes transportation and lunch).
	Coffee & High Tech <i>Start the day with a cup of Fair Trade and organic coffee at Just Us! Coffee Roasters Co-op in Grand Pré, Canada's first Fair Trade coffee roaster. Learn about the Co-op's relationship with farmers around the world and their excellent line of products including coffee, tea, chocolate and sugar. Tour the on-site Fair Trade Museum. From Just Us!, travel to the Centre of Geographic Sciences, located at the Nova Scotia Community College in Middleton. Here you will learn about the Rural Knowledge Cluster Project and how the College's world-class resources and expertise in the field of geomatics has been deployed to benefit community economic development in two rural counties.</i>
Evening	DINNER <i>Join new friends at one of Wolfville's great restaurants. We'll have menus from local restaurants available on Monday and Tuesday, and can assist you in making group reservations.</i>
Evening	MINI FILM FESTIVAL: AI Whittle Theatre, Wolfville <i>We are pleased to present a documentary mini film festival featuring films from around the world that demonstrate not only what is working in community development, but the power and resilience of the human spirit. Films will screen at 4:00, 7:00, and 9:00, and are free to conference delegates with their name badge. The mini film festival will be open to the public. (Film titles to be confirmed.)</i>

* Conference program is subject to change.

Featured Speakers

Joanne Linzey, Vice-President, Community Impact, United Way of Canada /Centraide Canada



Joanne Linzey is Vice-President of Community Impact for United Way of Canada/Centraide Canada, reflecting the organization's commitment to creating lasting, measurable change in community conditions.

A key part of her portfolio in 2005-2007 was as executive lead for Action for Neighbourhood Change (ANC). ANC was a collaboration of five national non-governmental organizations working in five so-called distressed Canadian neighbourhoods. This action research project, funded by the federal government, was citizen centred and designed to help improve the quality of life in these neighbourhoods. ANC created an enormous body of knowledge of promising practices on both citizen engagement and neighbourhood renewal.

Prior to assuming a national role, Joanne was Chief Executive Officer of United Way of Halifax Region (UWHR) for 11 years where she fostered an asset-based approach to the organization's community work and led the organization through transformational change.

With more than 30 years of diverse experience working with the volunteer sector, Joanne was the founding director of ABC Canada Literacy Foundation. From 2000-2005 she worked as a consultant on CIDA-funded community development projects in southern Brazil, supporting the development of effective asset-based community collaborations. She has also worked for the federal civil service; serving for ten years in the former Secretary of State department in Whitehorse, Yukon, Ottawa, Ontario and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Her current volunteer activities include Chair, Peter Gzowski Foundation for Literacy, and Member of the Board of Directors of Vartana, a registered charity with a mandate to research and develop Canada's first financial institution dedicated to meeting the needs of voluntary sector organizations.

Joanne, a dedicated gardener and reader, lives with her husband in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia.

Ron Colman, Executive Director, GPI Atlantic



Dr. Ronald Colman is founder and Executive Director of GPIAtlantic.

Previously, Dr. Colman taught for 20 years at the university level and was a researcher and speechwriter at the United Nations.

He has researched and written many reports on indicators of population health, community well-being, natural resource health, and environmental quality. Ron advises governments and communities both in Canada and internationally on indicator work, and regularly speaks on the subject to interested groups.

(Cont'd.)



Featured Speakers (Cont'd)

GPIAtlantic is a non-profit research and education organization that is creating a Genuine Progress Index for the small Canadian province of Nova Scotia. Over the past 10 years, GPIAtlantic has produced more than 80 carefully researched reports on topics within the six main categories that make up the Genuine Progress Index – living standards, population health, time use, community vitality, education and environmental quality.

GPIAtlantic has produced groundbreaking research on the real costs and benefits of the province's energy consumption, transportation system, solid waste disposal, and air quality. It has analyzed Nova Scotians' working hours, obesity, tobacco use, and gambling habits. Its reports frequently cover subjects that have never been properly studied here before.

Two Planks and a Passion



Currently celebrating its 16th season, Two Planks and a Passion has made a significant impact on the Canadian theatrical scene.

Based at the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts outside the small village of Canning in rural Nova Scotia, Two Planks is also committed to presenting unique site-specific productions on the 186-acre farm where the Ross Creek Centre is located, as well as touring original productions to communities across Canada.

Since 1994, Two Planks and a Passion Theatre has also engaged in community outreach activity which uses theatre as an educational and empowerment tool to help a diverse range of organizations meet community development needs. Among the projects Two Planks has developed are projects for teens surrounding issues of homelessness (2004) and bullying (2002), as well as workshops for health-care providers, transition home residents, and teachers in the public school system and their students.



Conference Information (Cont'd)

■ CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFORMATION

The conference can accommodate 300 participants. 100 spaces are designated for participants from Atlantic Canada, 100 for participants from other parts of North America, and 100 from the other six UN regions in the world (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and Oceania).

Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first served basis, and then people will be placed on a waiting list in case quotas from other regions are not filled.

Here's how the registration system works:

- Follow this link to get started: <http://www.horizonscda.ca/upcoming>.
- Please follow the instructions once you're there.
- Please note all registrations will be processed through the on-line system.

Before You Register

There are some things to consider before you sign on to register. Please review this information carefully before you register.

Conference Pricing

- The base price for the conference is \$255 CDN (or \$300 if you register after April 18th, 2008), plus 13% HST.
- The conference fee includes all conference sessions June 23rd and 24th, all nutrition breaks, lunch, Welcome Reception, dinner and Kitchen Party on June 23rd and breakfast and lunch on June 24th.

- The price of a one-year IACD membership/renewal will be added to your registration fee: OECD country delegates: \$30 CDN, non-OECD country: \$10 CDN.

Payment

When you register, you will be asked whether you wish to pay by PayPal or by international money order, or if you are registering from anywhere in Canada, by cheque.

When we receive all of your information on-line, we will calculate the amount you owe and send you an invoice that you can pay using your selected method.

Please note that your registration will be confirmed only when we have received your payment. We will send you an e-mail to confirm that we have received your payment and that you are registered for the conference. A 30-day period is permitted between the date of invoice and receipt of registration fees. If the cheque has still not been received after this period, we reserve the right to cancel the registration.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be received in writing before June 1st in order to receive a refund, minus a 25% administrative fee. After this date, refunds will no longer be available.

Substitutions can be made at any time by written notification to the **Registration Manager** before June 13th. Cancellations must be sent to the Registration Manager by e-mail to josephine@horizonscda.ca.

Name Badges

Identification badges are mandatory and will be required for admission to all Conference functions (sessions, meals, field trips and socials).



Conference Information (Cont'd)

Delegate List

Please note that all registered delegates will have their name, organization, address and e-mail addresses printed on a Delegate List. If you do not wish to have your details distributed, please contact the Registration Manager (josephine@horizonscda.ca).

■ CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Accommodation costs are not included in the registration fee.

Rooms at Acadia University

- **Roy Jodrey Residence** - \$100 CDN/room/night. *Rooms have a double bed and share a common area and bathroom with two other bedrooms.*
- **Other residence rooms across campus** - \$46 CDN/night/person. *Rooms have two single beds and you can specify your roommate.*

Check the residences out at:

<http://admin.acadiau.ca/studentaffairs/residencelife/residencehalls.html>.

Here is a list of accommodations within an easy walk of the Acadia campus in Wolfville. **If you wish to stay off campus, you must book your own accommodation.**

Inns

- **Blomidon Inn**
www.theblomidon.net
- **Tattingstone Inn**
www.tattingstone.ns.ca
- **Victoria's Historic Inn & Carriage House**
www.victoriashistoricinn.com

Bed & Breakfasts

- **Blue Shutters Bed & Breakfast**
www.blueshuttersbnb.ns.ca
- **The Garden House**
www.gardenhouse.ca
- **The Gingerbread House**
www.gingerbreadhouse.ca
- **Harwood House**
www.harwoodhouse.com
- **In Wolfville Bed & Breakfast**
www.inwolfville.ns.ca

These accommodations are within a 10-minute drive of Wolfville:

- **L'Acadie Vineyards Guest Cottages**
www.lacadievineyards.ca
- **Old Orchard Inn**
www.oldorchardinn.com
- **Evangeline Inn & Motel**
www.evangeline.ns.ca
- **The Olde Lantern Inn**
www.oldlanterninn.com

Interested in camping:

- **Blomidon Provincial Park**
<http://parks.gov.ns.ca/parks/blomidon.htm>
(30-minute drive from Wolfville)
- **Look-Off Family Camping Park**
www.lookoffcamping.com
(25-minute drive from Wolfville)



Conference Information (Cont'd)

■ TRANSPORTATION

Arriving in Nova Scotia

The closest airport is Halifax Robert L. Stanfield International Airport (www.hiaa.ca). Wolfville is about 60 miles/100 km, a 70-minute drive west of the airport.

Transportation from the airport is available through:

- Acadian Lines (bus service):
www.acadianbus.com/en/rech_h_resultats.asp
A bus leaves the airport daily at 12:00 and arrives in Wolfville at 15:05; the next bus leaves the airport daily at 17:50 and arrives in Wolfville at 20:15. The fare is \$18.00 (+ tax) CDN one-way and \$31.00 (+ tax) CDN round trip.
- Woods Limousine (car service):
<http://woodslimo.com/index.htm>
Prices vary according to the type of vehicle used, but they range from \$105 CDN to \$125 CDN (+ tax) one-way. Woods will arrange for you to share a ride with another passenger if you let them know you are interested, and they are picking up another passenger around the same time.

■ WEATHER

Nova Scotia enjoys a climate moderated by the sea, with pleasantly warm summer temperatures of 20 – 25 degrees Celsius, and occasional, light summer rains.

Visit Kentville, Nova Scotia's Environment Canada Forecast site: http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/city/pages/ns-17_metric_e.html to check current conditions in the Wolfville area.

■ FOR MORE INFORMATION

Local Information

Some websites about the local area and the Province of Nova Scotia that may be of interest:

- www.acadiou.ca
- www.wolfville.info
- www.town.wolfville.ns.ca
- www.wolfvillefarmersmarket.com
- www.novascotia.com

For More Information:

Registration Information

Josephine MacDonald
josephine@horizonscda.ca

Speaker Liaison

Vicki Crowell
vicki@horizonscda.ca

General Inquiries

Helen Woodward
helen@horizonscda.ca; admin@horizonscda.ca