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to Northern
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<http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/newsletters.html>

Welcome

We are pleased to present the September 2012 newsletter of the Community Development Institute (CDI) at UNBC. We hope that this quarterly newsletter will help to keep you informed about developments at the CDI. If you have any comments on how we can improve the newsletter, or if you have news that you would like us to include in our next edition, feel free to contact our coordinator at manson@unbc.ca

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The CDI at UNBC

The Community Development Institute at UNBC is interested in two fundamental issues for communities in northern BC: community capacity and community development. By undertaking research, sharing information, and supporting education outreach, the Institute is an important partner to communities interested in making informed decisions about their own futures.

The Institute emphasizes the importance of capacity-building, collaboration, learning, and complementarity. Research that is undertaken balances academic credibility with practical relevance. Beyond research, the Institute is involved in outreach activities and serves as a conduit to expand local educational opportunities related to community development.

For more information please visit: <http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/>

Notices

Creating Rural Connections 2012 Conference and Tradeshow

October 11-13, 2012 at Olds College, Olds, Alberta.

For more information please visit: <http://www.ardn.ca/news-events/creating-rural-connections-2012/>

2012 Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Business Forum - Ride the Wave!

October 16 and 17, 2012, Smithers, B.C. For more information please visit:

http://www.rdbn.bc.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=797&Itemid=575

Northern Health Authority Research Days 2012,

Knowledge Mobilization: Research to Action

November 15 & 16, 2012, Prince George, BC. For more information please visit:

<http://www.northernhealth.ca/YourHealth/ResearchandEvaluation/ResearchDays.aspx>

Statistics Canada's 2012 Indigenous Statistics Conference: Data as a Tool for Change

November 21-22, 2012, Vancouver, BC

For more information, please visit: <http://www.indigenousdata.com>

Building Resilient Communities through Community-based Forest Management

Hosted by NORDIK Institute and the Northern Ontario Sustainable Communities Partnership.

January 16-18, 2013, Algoma University, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, For more information please visit:

<http://noscp.ca/>

Haida Gwaii Semester

CDI Coordinator, Don Manson will be the course instructor, Diversifying Resource-Dependent Communities, for the Haida Gwaii Higher Education Society's Haida Gwaii Semester in the winter

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term. For more information please visit: <http://www.haidagwaisemester.com/haida-gwaii-semester/>

Institute News

CDI Renewal Process

Since its inception in 2004, the CDI has built a reputation for helping communities prosper, and as a result, the need and demand for the CDI's knowledge and expertise is growing. Through this renewal process, the CDI will explore how it can best continue to contribute to building strong communities and regions in BC.

For further information contact Marleen Morris, Associate Director, mmorris@unbc.ca

New Publication

Investing in Place: Economic Renewal in Northern British Columbia

by Sean Markey, Greg Halseth, and Don Manson

Investing in Place is about creating the foundations for renewing northern British Columbia's rural and small-town economies. The path to renewal lies in place-based development, in people working together at all levels of the community and region to take advantage of local opportunities in a sustainable, responsible way.

For more information please visit: http://www.ubcpres.ca/search/title_book.asp?BookID=299173682

NEV2: Northern BC Economic Development Vision and Strategy Project

In September 2009, the CDI launched NEV2. The economic downturn forced public and private sector interests to make difficult choices and adopt what they felt were the best coping strategies so that they are poised, equipped, and ready to take advantage of the next economic upswing.

The final report of the NEV2 project is available at:

http://www.unbc.ca/assets/cdi/research/nev2_final_report.pdf

Housing Issues in Prince George – An engaged classroom project course, Fall 2012 semester

Housing is one of the most common and basic elements of our community fabric. It is also one of the most vital as it touches each of us in our daily life and intersects with a host of broader social, cultural, land use, economic, business, and economic issues. As a pilot, the City of Prince George has invited UNBC students to contribute to the development of a local housing strategy framework by undertaking background research projects with its Housing Strategy Steering Committee.

For Further information contact Greg Halseth, halseth@unbc.ca

Working ‘away’: Community and family impacts of long distance labour commuting in Mackenzie BC

In the fall of 2011, the Community Development Institute at UNBC hosted meetings with residents, service providers, businesses, volunteer groups, industry, and government in Mackenzie to talk about the impact of long distance labour commuting on community and family life. Part two of the project occurred in May/June 2012, with a household survey to assess the scale and scope of LDLC.

Project reports are available at <http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/research.html>

Lessons from Economic Upswings: A Case Study of the Peace River Region

When industrial investments come to small communities, the impacts can be significant and transformative. These impacts occur in all sectors – social, community, service, economic, and governance. This project was designed to collate lessons and experiences from the Peace River region so as to inform decision-makers and community economic and social development organizations in the Terrace-Kitimat corridor on effective responses to the opportunities and pressures of large industrial projects.

Project reports are available at <http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/research.html>

Community Development Institute Community Speakers Series fall 2012

We are proud to announce that Dr. Terri MacDonald, Regional Innovation Chair at Selkirk College, will be our speaker this fall. Dr. MacDonald's presentation will focus on regional cooperation.

This free public talk will be held in Prince George, UNBC campus, room 7-150 on Monday, October 15 and Vanderhoof, Council Chambers, Tuesday, October 16. The talks begin at 7:00 pm.

Past Community Speakers Series presentations are available at:

http://www.unbc.ca/cdi/speakers_series.html

If your community would like to co-host our next Community Speaker's Series event, please contact: Don Manson at manson@unbc.ca