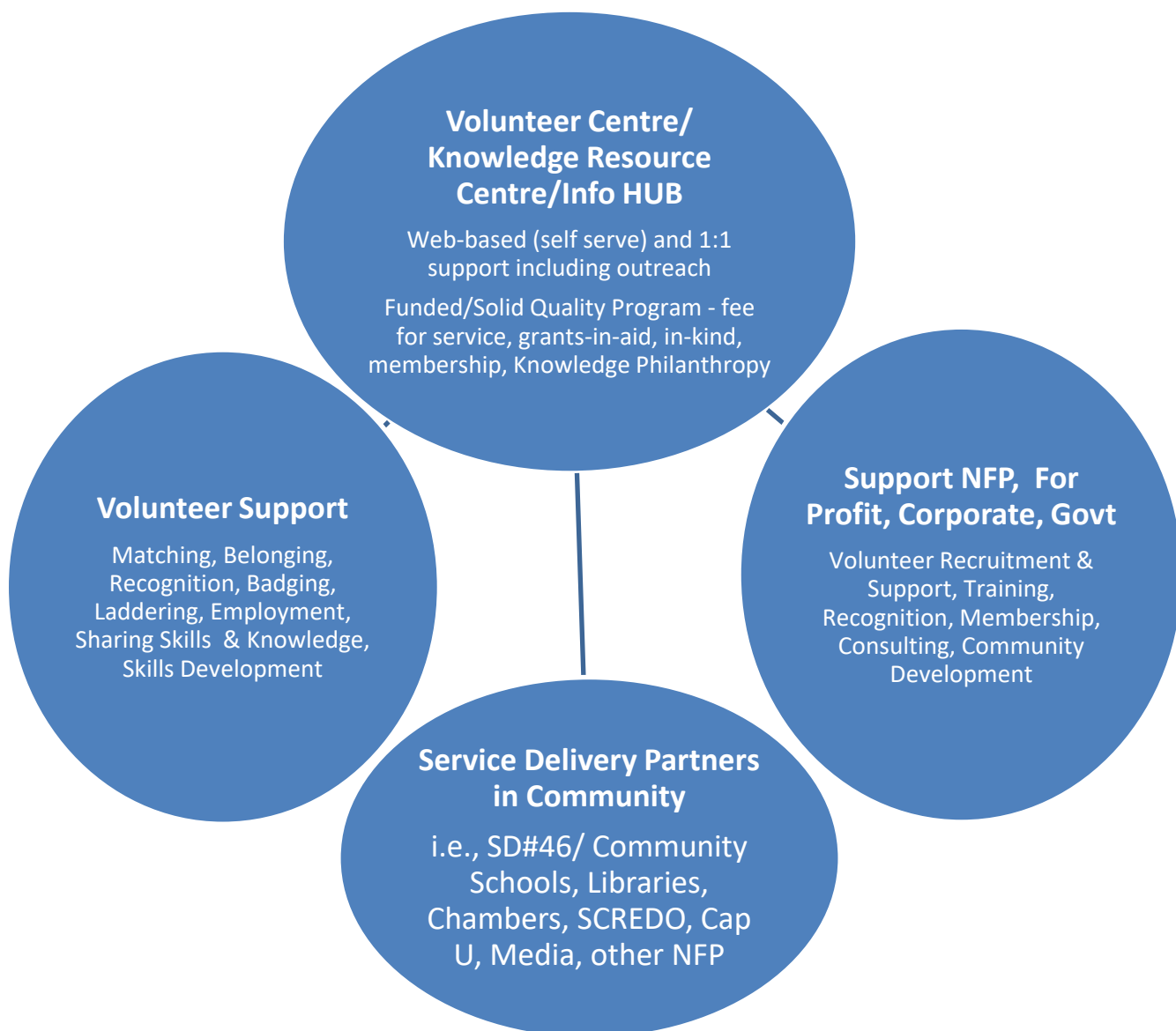


Vital Conversation on Belonging October 27, 2017 Report on Priority Projects

The six ideas in this report are the result of preliminary brainstorming.
If they result in funding applications, there will be more fully developed proposals.
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#1 Volunteer Centre – Information, Connection, Coordination



A Canada 150 celebration event sponsored by Community Foundations of Canada

#2 Resilient Coast - Small Community Grants & Community Block Parties

Location: Coast-wide. Centered in neighbourhoods - on streets, neighbourhood spaces but also community halls and other public spaces

Impact: Connect neighbours with each other, improve resilience, solve neighbourhood issues, emergency preparedness, community health, sustainability, needs assessment, skill sharing, resource sharing; any neighbourhood opportunities e.g., leadership, childcare, transportation, etc.

** Existing toolkits – “Party Template”

Timeframe/Process: The Resilient Communities Project in Roberts Creek already has an immediate timeline so this is not comprehensive.

- Funding sources for small grants and in particular need a charity to support. Can apply for matching funds from Vancouver Foundation and others
- Neighbourhood champions apply for a block party/gathering
- Citizens committee selects award recipients
- Support gatherings in non-monetary ways

Collaborators: What is the role of businesses as sponsors? Including Telus, Fortis, BC Hydro

- Granthams Wharf Association – annual event
- TRAC – Bike to Work Week
- Don Basham – SCCF – “Belonging Guy”
- Churches as charitable sponsors
- Gibsons Public Market – “connect the blocks” e.g., Gibsons United Church has space
- Community Associations
- SD#46 – Community Schools (particularly PH Community School)
- Municipality staff
- Each community/neighbourhood

Funding: Emergency preparedness funds, SCRD 50th Anniversary funds, Grants-in-Aid, Set up endowment with the SCCF (not too specific) – need charitable org.

Next Steps:

- November 16th Collaborators Table Workshop
- Connect with Physical/Idea Spaces group for opportunities
- Apply to SCCF for grant to hire consultant to help with Charitable Status

#3 Community Kitchen

Impacts:

Food literacy	Healthy eating
Mentorship – Sharing skills	Social
Connect/Build relationships	Inclusiveness
Empowering people	Improved physical/emotional wellbeing
Bring awareness to the food security issues	

Space/Place:

Gibsons Public Market	Salvation Army
Masonic Hall (Roberts Creek)	Community Halls
Arrowhead Clubhouse	Rockwood Centre
SD#46 Kitchens	SIB Band Hall
YMCA Churches - Christian Life Assembly (Gibsons), St Johns (Davis Bay), St Hilda's (Sechelt)	
Seniors Centres - Harmony Hall, Sechelt Activity Centre, Pender Harbour Seniors Initiative	
Legions – Gibsons, Roberts Creek, Sechelt, Pender	

Collaborators:

Food Rescue group	VCH
SIB	SCCSS (Arrowhead/Welcoming Comm/Food Bank)
SCRD	Sechelt Seniors Centre/Other seniors centres
Local Farmers	Local grocery stores
St Johns United/other Churches	Canadian Diabetes Association
Local Governments – Grants in aid	

Potential Target Groups: Elders/Seniors, Young moms/families, Newcomers, Youth/students, Vulnerable populations

Next Steps:

- Meet with Food Rescue Group to review plans/overlaps/collaborations
- Identify organization to take the lead
- Review SCCSS assessment of community spaces
- Needs assessments
- Access more funding – apply for grants
- Hire recruit a facilitator
- Recruit/train champions

#4 Coast Food Rescue

Goals:

- Reduce waste & create best practices for best use
- Divert organics from waste stream (opportunity)
- Intergenerational community engagement/involvement – diversity & inclusion
- Food waste education
- Address food security
- Cooking education for youth and others

Scoping:

- Who's doing what already?
- Is there a ready source of food & how much of it?
- What are the legalities of using outdated/open food?

Collaborators:

Food banks
Community Futures
Local governments

Salish Soils Schools
Grocery Stores
Chefs

Youth/Seniors
Meals on Wheels

Infrastructure Needs: Refrigeration, Transportation, Community Kitchens

Business Model: Social service vs Social Enterprise

Funding Sources: Crowd funding, Community Futures, SC Community Foundation, Government Grants

Process/Next steps:

- Have a meal - connect with Community Kitchen Group in January to see how the two projects can work together
- Feasibility study – scoping, data collection, recommended small scale pilot project, recommended business model

#5 Youth Job Readiness

Goals:

1. Youth come to job ready
2. Employers ready for youth in the work place

Two-way learning needed to be effective for both sides to have value. It is a partnership and both sides need to be proactive i.e., employers need to understand youth in the workplace and youth need to understand needs of employers.

Time Frame: potentially a quick implementation and opportunity for growth/expansion of project within the business community. Project happens over 2 weeks – 5 hours.

Location: in schools and on the job site

Process: Bob Hoy has a template of the project details, which is important for success:

- Match an employer with a teacher/classroom in SD#46
- Employer in classroom for 1.5 hours – provide formatted sections of learning for the youth i.e., customer service, loyalty on the job expectations – youth listening
- Then 2-hour placement/job shadowing for youth on site at business
- Post job shadow - evaluation done by both the employer and the youth about the experience
- Back to class for 1.5 hours to discuss the evaluations i.e., What did you like? Not like? What surprised you? Compare self-evaluation to employer evaluation
- Everyone is employable - Opportunity for successful job placement
- Inclusive and welcoming to all including queer youth

Collaborators:

- Open Door Group / Local Businesses
- SD#46 - Career/Work Placement Coordinator/Community School Coordinator

Outcome – potential mini project of 2 videos

1. Kids inform employers of what works for them
2. Training the business facilitators/employers to be effective in their job placement/trainin

Next steps – pull together working group to expand project

#6 Physical/Idea Spaces

What? - How do we shelter each other? We need to identify, enhance, and develop physical spaces to house a variety of gatherings in neighbourhoods - to gather/share ideas/provide support for our neighbours - including small, welcoming spaces, that are not so “institutionalized” (empty houses or structures?) and do not cost to access.

Who?

The following organizations should collaborate on creating the inventory in their neighbourhoods and be responsible to communicate the options/opportunities to their neighbourhoods and the broader community:

Advisory Committees	Community Associations	SCRD/ SD46
Service Clubs	User Groups	Churches

How?

- Create intersections where people encounter each other in their neighbourhood
- Create gatherings based around an intention. Facilitate the gathering/opportunity at first and as people connect, feel safe and generate ideas, empower them to go forward on their own to continue/expand/create something new.

Considerations/Barriers: Insurance, Cost, Transportation, Accessibility

Next steps:

- Come together to create a plan including connecting with Resilient Coast/Small Gatherings/Block Parties group
- Begin the inventory of spaces