



MEASURING UP THE NORTH E-NEWS

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Dear MUTN Communities:

The MUTN E-News is a bi-weekly update distributed to our MUTN Liaisons, Communities and other interested parties. Included you will find information on announcements, news from MUTN communities, upcoming events, funding, and the latest updates on our website. **Please feel free to distribute this e-news.**

If you have announcements or funding opportunities you would like to share, please send them to the MUTN Project Assistant: Kory Heyland (kheyland@bcpara.org).

Check out our website www.measureupthenorth.com for information on our Partners, News and Events, Resources and our Forum.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADIANS WITH DISABILITIES AND OTHERS FACING BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

- Do you have clients who self identify as having a disability or another barrier to employment?
- Would they be interested in Website Design as a way to start their own business; contract to existing companies or agencies to design and manage their sites; or using their skills to obtain employment as an entry level web designer or administrator?
- Do they have their own computer, basic computer skills and an Internet connection?

If you said yes to these questions, we have an opportunity for them...

The Canadian Society for Social Development (CSSD) has spaces left in their six-month, award-winning Internet Business Development for Entrepreneurs (IBDE), web design program for the October 2009 intake. This accredited course gives students marketable skills to use in the online marketing of their own business; starting their own web design venture working with other small businesses or agencies; or possibly embarking on a career with another web design firm that will provide telework for them as a web designer. Over the past five years the IBDE program has had over 70% of our students complete the course and we believe this is due to the one-on-one instruction that they receive from our IBDE team, through the use of email, instant messaging, phone and our virtual classroom.

Our tuition of \$3,995 includes all course supplies and software, and our staff will assist applicants in finding funding assistance, which is usually available in most areas. Those interested in this program should register now as space is limited (and the funding process does take a bit of time) at: <http://www.ibde.ca/?q=signup>. For additional information go to www.ibde.ca. You can also access our brochure and poster in PDF format at: <http://www.cssd-web.org/?q=en/about/promo>

HURRY AND HAVE THEM ENROL NOW!

MEASURING UP THE NORTH DAY TO COINCIDE WITH SPARC BC ACCESS AWARENESS DAY: JUNE 6, 2009

The purpose of Measuring Up The North Day is for all of the MUTN communities to celebrate their community accomplishments and raise awareness of accessibility and inclusion for older adults and persons with disabilities. This year, participating MUTN Communities can also highlight the Access Awareness theme of Accessible Tourism and Employment of Persons with Disabilities in the Tourism Sector.

Join our MUTN Forum www.measureupthenorth.ning.com and discuss your plans for the day, your experiences with tourism, your ideas for change.

You can also join the SPARC BC forum: <http://www.sparc.bc.ca/access-awareness-day>.

Visit our Measuring Up The North website www.measureupthenorth.com where you can download the Measuring Up The North pamphlet and other resource material to assist you with your awareness building day.

Declare the day in your community! Ask your Mayor and Council or District to declare June 6th as Measuring Up the North-Access Awareness Day.

IPRA WORKSHOP: IMPLEMENTING AN ACCESSIBILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Schedule change: This workshop has been rescheduled from May to June 8.

The following information is forwarded by the National Center on Accessibility. www.ncaonline.org

IPRA Workshop:
Implementing an Accessibility Management Program

June 8, 2009
9 am to 4 pm

Parkview Hospital
10501 Corporate Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 461845

This workshop is hosted by the Natural Resources Trails/Greenways Section of the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association. Registration is through IPRA. The workshop brochure and registration form is available under the "Upcoming Events" section of the NCA web site: www.ncaonline.org

LEVEL I CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) COURSE IN COQUITLAM

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.), Risk Assessments, Security Hardware Design and Project Management. We work with architects, planners, developers, companies, non-profits, police agencies and many others in a collaborative and educational forum. <http://www.liahonasecurity.com/>

MUTN-RELATED RESOLUTIONS THAT WERE PASSED AT THE NCMA CONVENTION

This is great news for persons with disabilities, older adults and communities in BC! Next step is that they get passed at UBCM in September. See MUTN website for resolutions and to order discounted copies CSA standards for "Accessible Design for the Built Environment" please see <http://www.measureupthenorth.com/>. All MUTN members are eligible for the discount!!! Just fill out the order form provided on our website.

FUNDING NEWS

COMMUNITY ADJUSTMENT FUND

Grant provider: Western Economic Diversification Canada.

Application deadline: June 5, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=192>

NEWLY ELECTED COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY FORUM PROGRAM

Grant provider: Union of BC Municipalities, First Nations Summit.

Application deadline: June 5, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=177>

WALK BC PROGRAM

Grant provider: BC Recreation & Parks Association, Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC.

Application deadline: June 5, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=185>

BROWNFIELD RENEWAL FUNDING PROGRAM

Grant provider: Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Application deadline: June 15, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=183>

TREES FOR TOMORROW PROGRAM

Grant provider: Ministry of Community Development.

Application deadline: June 30, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=158>

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

Grant provider: Ministry of Community Development.

Application deadline: July 29, 2009.

Information: <http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/181.asp?grantid=188>

LIAISON CONFERENCE CALL DATES

Here is a list of dates for all the Liaison conference calls with Laurie:

- Friday June 26, 2009

Please mark these dates on your calendars. Join Laurie to talk about how your communities are progressing.

MUTN WEBSITE UPDATES

<http://www.measureupthenorth.com/>

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