

We've Moved!

Effective immediately, here's our new contact information: Phone -- 604-718-8292; Fax -- 604-488-1022; & Snail mail -- 250-1166 Alberni St, Vancouver, V6E 3Z3. No change to our email should you have feedback or suggestions: info@ucscoop.com

→ LEADERSHIP in the Voluntary Sector

How can funders support the development of leadership in Canada's 180,000 charities and non-profits? With Baby Boomers retiring, more uncertainty, tighter funding... the question is becoming urgent.

That's why Community Foundations of Canada, in partnership with United Way, has convened a national think tank. The Co-op's Tim Beachy has been one of twenty people reflecting on two key questions:

1. How do we improve and support leadership within organizations -- what some call "Managerial Leadership?"
2. How do we support sectoral leadership -- strategic collaborations and joint initiatives?

Digging deeper, the think tank is exploring:

- Should funders focus on Action Learning approaches, where learning is based in direct experience, driven by values and deepened by reflection?
- Or should funders emphasize leadership development models offered by colleges and universities which tend to be generic and value neutral?
- Should resources be targeted towards smaller organizations, or should larger organizations that play a key role in Canada's social fabric also get support?

Tim welcomes your thoughts! (Email him at tbeachy@telus.net) You can help shape what is likely to be a new federal Council on Human Resources of the Voluntary Sector. For more info on HRVS, [click here](#).

→ INTERIM MANAGEMENT

In case you don't know, one of the Co-op's services is brokering "Interim Management".

Think of it as access to a pool of excellent people who can take the helm of your organization or a major project on short notice and for an "interim" – typically 4-9 months.

Interim professionals are experienced managers or senior executives with a proven track record of success. They can help with a variety of change situations, and bring project management, leadership, and technical or functional skills.

And interim professionals are accountable to you, not to the Co-op.

Interim management is a strategic decision for organizations, and a new way of working. Keep it in mind! Or if you want more information now, call **John Neilson -- 604-718-8293**.

→ Mark Your Calendar: June 15

Come deepen your understanding of the "Social Economy" and explore its potential for BC. Langara is convening a one day forum in partnership with the Co-op and others, and to launch the College's Third Annual **Summer School on Building Community (June 16-18)**. For more information, [click here](#).