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1. **TRE ARROW UPDATE**

www.trearrow.org

"I am innocent of the charges the US government is trying to pin on me. Just as many activists have experienced, I am being targeted by the US government and the FBI, not because I am guilty, but because I have chosen to challenge the status quo."

Media as the Judge: the case of accused 'Eco-Terrorist' Tre Arrow

American environmentalist and refugee hopeful Tre Arrow has been incarcerated in Canada for over a year now. While awaiting an extradition hearing which would see him returned to his native country, the United States, Tre's case has gained international attention. Last spring, Tre held an astonishing 44 day hunger strike in "solidarity with all those suffering around the world as a result of corporate agendas which leave in their wake poisoned water, contaminated air and lack of adequate food." Tre was reduced to a deathly 81 pounds. His lawyer, Rudolf Kischer, told the Globe and Mail, "He looks like a Holocaust victim, it [is] horrifying."

The United States Government is seeking Tre's extradition in connection with the destruction of logging equipment in Oregon, 2001. But Tre clearly states, "I am innocent of the charges the US government is trying to pin on me. Just as many activists have experienced, I am being targeted by the US government and the FBI, not because I am guilty, but because I have chosen to challenge the status quo." The Crown's main evidence against Tre is the testimony of Jacob Sherman. Sherman, who was convicted of the crimes, received a plea bargain after four days of intense FBI interrogation. Sherman received an unheard of 3 1/2 years in prison which was contingent on his testimony that paints Tre Arrow as the mastermind of the crimes.

This case is highly political, and Tre is repeatedly and constantly referred to in the Corporate Media as an 'Eco-Terrorist'. Although Judge James Redden in his ruling on the 2001 arson case against Jacob Sherman, stated that "The term 'terrorist' is not to be used in reference to this case or the defendants", the FBI and the Corporate Media continue to sell news and divide the movement by branding Tre as an 'Eco-Terrorist'. Trial, in the Corporate Media court, discredits innocent individuals and destroys the legal premise of "innocent until proven guilty." The term 'Terrorist' is currently by far the best selling word in the Corporate Media, and by using the word 'Terrorist', the media has instilled a level of fear that can convict an individual before the trial even starts.

Throughout April, Ben Shannon, spokesperson for the Tre Arrow Defense Committee will be traveling throughout B.C. on a speaking tour entitled, "The Media as the Judge: The case of

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accused 'Eco-Terrorist' Tre Arrow." The Corporate Media plays a consequential role in Tre's case and his life by already indicting, trying and convicting Tre. In refusing to use the words 'accused', 'alleged' or even 'suggested' before calling Tre an 'Eco-Terrorist', they are implying that he has had a trial and been convicted. Tre has never stepped one foot into a court room to face these charges, let alone been convicted of them. Stating that an individual is guilty before their trial is undemocratic and unjust. By playing this game, the Corporate Media has been able to convince society across the continent that Tre is an 'Eco-Terrorist'.

The Media as the Judge speaking tour will be touring around B.C. speaking about the Corporate Media's role in Tre case, as well as the reasons why Tre is facing the possibility of spending the rest of his life behind bars for the alleged crimes of arson. What is happening to Tre could conceivably happen to any hardworking defender of the planet and its people. By supporting him in this time of need, we show each other and ourselves, that friends will not be left behind. Solidarity with Political Prisoners starts at home. If Tre is extradited, he will face up to 80 years in a US prison. No one is free until we are all free.

Thursday, April 14th , 2005 - Gibsons, Chaster House @ 7pm

Monday, April 18th , 2005 - Nelson, David Thompson Cultural Centre @ 7pm
Friday, April 22nd , 2005 - Cortes Island, Manson's Hall @ 7pm

For more information: tre@riseup.net or www.trearrow.org

From: the Tre Arrow Defense Committee <tre@riseup.net>

2. LIU INSTITUTE EVENTS AND NEWS The Simons Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Research at the Liu Institute is pleased to host a public lecture and book signing with: Ambassador Thomas Graham, Jr. The

New Nuclear Age,

A Strategy for Nonproliferation

Date: **Tues April 19, 12pm - 1:30pm** **Location: Multipurpose Room, Liu Institute**

Light refreshments will be provided **RSVP to elaine.hynes@ubc.ca / 604-822-0483**

seminar series: science-policy gap

The Liu Institute is pleased to announce the fifth seminar of the Science and Its Policy Impacts series.

Global Fisheries: Science versus Policy

Dirk Zeller, Jackie Alder & Rashid Sumaila Sea Around Us Project & Fisheries Economic Research Unit, Fisheries Centre

University of British Columbia

Date: **Thurs April 28, 12:30pm - 2pm**

Location: **Multipurpose Room, Liu Institute**

RSVP to patricia.chu@ubc.ca / 604-822-1402

This particular seminar is a two part series that will be held at the Liu Institute on the following dates:

- **Part I - Thursday April 28, 12:30pm - 2pm**
- **Part II - Thursday May 19, 12:30pm - 2pm**

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beyond the institute...

GIVE FARMERS A FUTURE Come Celebrate the Launch of the Food & Trade Campaign
You are cordially invited to attend a reception to meet Oxfam's partner from the Windward Islands, Marcella Harris, a livestock farmer and President of the Windward Islands Farmers' Association (WINFA). She will be providing a first hand experience of the Caribbean agricultural reality.

Date: Fri April 15, 6pm - 8pm

Location: Law Courts Education Society,
#260 - 800 Hornby St (the north side of the Provincial Court Building)

RSVP to miriamp@oxfam.ca

Light refreshments provided by PotLuck Catering

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3. NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTRE Canadian Village to Construct New Renewable Energy Center

The Anmore Renewable Energy Foundation recently announced that the Village of Anmore, Vancouver has proposed the construction of a new renewable energy center that would employ green energy technologies using the water, solar and wind resources in the community and apply that energy to the production of hydrogen, which would be used to power municipal vehicles, as well as provide heating and cooling to the town's infrastructure.

According to the foundation, the objectives of the project include providing a working model to demonstrate the benefits and impacts of micro-scale hydroelectric systems; demonstrate technical innovation; showcasing the use of renewable electric power coupled with the use of hydrogen for transportation and building service; reducing the overall environmental impact of community energy use while meeting the community's environmental goals; becoming more energy self-reliant, with the goal of becoming near self-sufficient without compromising natural environs; providing a leadership model for other communities; and demonstrating a responsible use of natural resources balancing diverse and competing values.

The foundation said its next step is to commission a feasibility study to finalize the financing and construction details and to implement a public process to gain input on the educational and

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interactive aspects of the project.

Contact: Anmore Renewable Energy Foundation, website <http://www.anmorefoundation.ca>.

From: "Niel Pearce" <npearce@me.uvic.ca>

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**4. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** Hello CCPA-BC Members and Friends,

A job posting with the CCPA-BC follows below. We are looking for a new Project Manager for the Economic Security Project. Please help us distribute this posting and pass it along to people you think would be strong candidates.

Thanks for your help,

Seth

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Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives ? BC Office

JOB POSTING

(April 11, 2005. Please post and circulate)

Project Manager, Economic Security Project

The Vancouver office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives ? one of the country?s leading progressive research institutes ? seeks a Project Manager for a large, multi-year research initiative.

**Closing date for applications: Monday, May 9, 4:00 pm.**

Starting date: Mid-Late July, 2005

Duration: Three and a half year term position

Salary Range: \$40,700 - \$56,000 (5-year grid, with starting salary TDB), plus benefits

Position Summary

The Project Manager will coordinate the activities of the Economic Security Project, a multi-year research initiative studying the impact of provincial policy changes on vulnerable people. The ESP is a joint project of the CCPA-BC and Simon Fraser University, in partnership with 24 community organizations and 20 academic collaborators. It is funded primarily by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The ESP encompasses research, communications/conferences and student training.

The position?s principal responsibilities are administrative and relate to: maintaining the project budget and finances; establishing and monitoring project work plans and time-lines; meeting and conference logistics; liaising with project investigators and community partners; writing progress reports and funding proposals; coordinating the placement and pay of student research assistants; assisting the ESP directors; coordinating the publication of project books, and assisting with the publication and promotion of project studies and other publications. Generally, this person will be responsible for the ESP?s smooth operation.

Qualifications and Skills:

The successful candidate will be a highly organized and dedicated individual with strong logistical skills, and will have proven experience with project administration. Other skills and

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experience include:

- Education: University/college degree (or equivalent experience) in the social sciences, communications, community planning, accounting, business administration, or a related field;
- Experience in project administration (ideally managing research projects);
- Outstanding financial management skills (including ability to manage budget spreadsheets, and to oversee daily financial transactions);
- Excellent verbal and written communications skills;
- Strong computer skills (MS Office and internet/email applications; webpage maintenance experience is an asset);
- Outstanding attention to detail and inter-personal skills;
- While the main duties are administrative, the position requires an ability to conceptually understand and report on the research work of the project.

Experience working with a non-profit organization is desirable, and knowledge of BC public policies is an asset. The successful candidate should share a commitment to the CCPA's Statement of Purpose. We are looking for an individual eager to help build a dynamic and successful research institute, and committed to ensuring the smooth coordination of this project. The person hired for the position should feel comfortable working in a small office environment. The CCPA is a unionized workplace and provides a generous benefits package.

To Apply:

Send a cover letter and resume with references and telephone numbers ?? no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, May 9 ?? to:

Seth Klein, Director

CCPA?BC

1400?207 West Hastings Street

Vancouver, BC V6B 1H7

PLEASE DO NOT SEND RESUMES BY EMAIL (and no phone calls please)

We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those candidates short-listed for an interview will be contacted.

For more information about the CCPA, visit our webpage at:

<http://www.policyalternatives.ca>

For more information about the Economic Security Project, go to:

<http://www.sfu.ca/economicsecurityproject>

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CCPA webpage: <http://www.policyalternatives.ca>

The CCPA is a non-partisan, non-profit public policy research institute, dedicated to social and economic justice. We produce and promote progressive research on a wide range of provincial and national policy issues.

From: "Phil Lyons" <plyons@vcn.bc.ca>

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## **5. ISLANDS SPIRIT RISING**

**GWAAI SGAANAWAAY SIIGAA IJAA**

To All Islands People;

**OUT OF RESPECT** The lines at the Yakoun and Honna will be suspended over the weekend starting tomorrow morning at 10 am, Friday April 15. This action is being taken out of respect for the greiving families - in Old Massett, the Jones family; in

Skidegate, the Williams/Russ family; in Queen Charlotte, the Bateham family and in Port Clements, the Goeson family.

**DISCUSSIONS** Discussions with the Province continue and there will be news early next week.

**DINNER, DANCE, AUCTION and UNITY** It's official, there will be an **ISLANDS SPIRIT RISING - DINNER, DANCE AND LOONIE TOONIE AUCTION, April 22 in Queen Charlotte**

. Festivities start at

5 with an Italian dinner and a Loonie Toonie Auction running from 7 to 9. At 10 the bands start up and will rock and rock til 2. Dinner and dance is by donation. Please bring desserts to share with others. All proceeds are for families in need. See posters for details and ticket outlets.

**PLEASE NOTE:** donations for the Loonie Toonie Auction can be dropped off at hanging by a fibre, Queen Charlotte - please have them in by Monday, April 18. Thank you.

**EDITORIAL** We acknowledge the editorial in the Observer this Thursday and are encouraged by the understanding and analysis of the situation.

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP INFORMATION** Yakoun Line coordinator - May Russ: 1-250-626-5252 or toll free 1-888-638-7778 or home 626-5037.

To sign up for the Honna Line call Nika and Danny at 559-8133 and leave a message if the machine comes on.

Honna Line coordinator - Melinda Pick 559-8834 or melinda\_pick@hotmail.com or cblake@haidagwaii.net

Information, updates, photos can be viewed at [www.haidanation.ca](http://www.haidanation.ca)

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From: "Simon Davies" <gaia@spruceroots.org>

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FAIR VOTING BC NEWSLETTER

APRIL 15, 2005

SPAN THE SPECTRUMTroy Lanigan Director of communications, Canadian Taxpayers Federation and Andrew Petter, former NDP attorney general disagree about most things political but both support a Yes vote on May 17. (see events below)

Changing the voting system to make it more democratic, the results more fair, and the system more responsive to people is not a political issue. It is a question about fairness for all, about including instead of marginalizing groups, regions, and interests. This is fundamentally about fairness and how we treat each other, and whether we can live peaceably in an increasingly pluralistic, diverse society.

GOMERY AND PEOPLE POWERIf the Gomery Inquiry revelations leave you feeling jaded and powerless, cheer up! There is good news. On May 17, we can do something about it.

The great lesson from Gomery is that our system lacks accountability. Voters can't control their MPs. MPs can't control the Prime Minister's Office.

The Single Transferable Vote is about giving power to people, not parties. Under STV, voters select not just between parties, but also between candidates of the same party. You need not take whatever candidate the party dishes up. You have choice. Incumbents can be sacked painlessly. That is power, that is accountability.

THE REAL VANCOUVER CITY LESSONOpponents claim large ridings with many MLAs doesn't work. The urban centres will capture all seats, voters won't know who their MLA is, and large areas can't be serviced well. The at-large Vancouver City elections are cited as evidence. The West side dominates, residents don't know their councilor, and councilors don't know their voters.

Vancouver City elections and STV both elect representatives at-large, that is, a bunch are elected but without assigned geographic areas. So much for the similarities, after this everything is totally different between the two systems.

First, the West side dominates not because the system is at-large, but because its first-past-the-post counting method. Under that method the largest minority always dominates, under STV nearly every vote counts and all votes have the same value. In rural areas, no matter how remote, some candidate will need those few votes to get elected.

Second, in Vancouver City elections voters have 10 votes. It establishes a link between each voter and 10 councilors. In contrast, STV gives voters one vote, it establishes a direct link between each voter and one MLA. Each MLA has one group of voters to be responsible for. The line of accountability is direct and effective. STV has all the benefits of a ward system without the downsides.

UPCOMING EVENTSApril 16. Vancouver Civic Education Society. (2 ? 4 pm)Venue: Alma Van Dusen Room, Vancouver Public Library (Central Branch)

Debate Bill Tieleman and Nick Loenen. Open to public. Contact; Michael Yue { [HYPERLINK "mailto:myue@infinet.net" }](mailto:myue@infinet.net) }

myue@infinet.net

or 604-771-7227

April 18Vancouver Yes Campaign official launch, Alice MacKay room, Vancouver Public Library main branch, 12.15 pm. Contact: Bernard Schulmann { [HYPERLINK "mailto:bernard@shama.ca" }](mailto:bernard@shama.ca) }

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Westbank Rotary club 7:00 pm with dinner starting at 5:30 pm. Westbank Community Hall. Nick Loenen and alumni Wendy Gonsalves { [HYPERLINK "mailto:wgon@shaw.ca" }](mailto:wgon@shaw.ca) wgon@shaw.ca

Kamloops, Rotary luncheon Tory Lanigan for Yes. Contact: Larry Reid 250-851-3204, and at 1:45 pm interview with CFJC-TV ☐ ☐ April 19 Vancouver, Stephen Broscoe, Yes Campaign, will debate Bill Tieleman and Andrea Reimer, No campaign, Vancouver District Labour Council - 6 pm. Contact: Stephen Broscoe

sbroscoe@telus.net

Powell River alumni Diana Byford and Julian West, Yes, sponsored ☐ by Powell River Peak. ☐

Contact: ☐ Laura Walz <editor@prpeak.com>

Nelson, Sunrise Rotary Breakfast, Troy Lanigan and also, 7:00 pm Above tourist information centre 225 Hall Str.

20 April Van

couver, Julian West on Rafe Mair Show, 600am, 9.30-10.00. ☐ Also ☐ streams online at <http://www.600am.com>

Penticton, Okanagan University College Lecture Theatre, 583 Duncan W. 7:00 pm Sheila MacDermott, alumni and Nick Loenen. Jim Hewitt for the No side. Public forum sponsored by the Penticton Regional Hospital Alumni Association. Contact: Bob Anderson joybob@shaw.ca Kimberley rotary luncheon Troy Lanigan with alumni Michele Miller, and 7:00 pm College of the Rockies

April 21 Kelowna, Lunch, *B.C. Government Retired Employees Assn*, Royal Canadian Legion, 1380 Bertram (off Doyle). ☐ Debate: Jim Hewitt and Nick Loenen Contact: Leona Pedosuk, lpedosuk@telus.net

764-0975

Oliver, Chamber of Commerce sponsored debate, Jim Hewitt No; Nick Loenen for Yes. 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. Recorded for local television. Contact: Oliver Chamber.

Cranbrook College of the Rockies, 7:00 pm Troy Lanigan in debate.

April 22 Sidney, Bruce Hallsor and Andrew Petter for Yes with Green Party organizer Andrew Lewis, Contact: Bruce Hallsor hallsor@creaseharman.com ☐ April 23 Logan Lake 3:15 pm Debate Bud Smith for No side, Nick Loenen for Yes side. Logan Lake Centre Contact: Deb Bischof

Deb@CanadianSpecials.Com

April 25 Surrey, Northwood United Church Public Forum, 7:30 pm. Co-sponsored with Fleetwood Christian Reformed Church. Panel will include among others Nick Loenen. Contact: Peter Rolston irolston@smartt.com

April 26 Vancouver Library, Alice MacKay Room, Lower Level, 350 West Georgia, 7:30 pm. CBC Almanac Moderator: Mark Forsythe. ☐ Panel: Shoni Fields ☐ Citizens Assembly Alumni Nick Loenen, Fair Voting B.C. Doug McArthur, SFU Faculty of Public Policy, Anita Hagen, former NDP mla, KNOW STV ☐

Campbell River, alumni Linda Fantillo and Rob Jones and Yes organizer Janet Scotland present BC-STV to the Campbell River Municipal council 7:30 PM

Quesnel Julian West kicks off a tour of Northern BC, debating Bruce Strachan Contact: alumni Anna Rankin <rogger@shaw.ca> ☐ ☐

April 28 Tri-Cities Chamber, noon debate, Nick Loenen Yes, Paul Gill No, Executive Plaza Hotel on North Road, Contact: Marion Bradner { [HYPERLINK](#)

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"mailto:MBrandner@tricityschamber.com" } MBrandner@tricityschamber.com
April 30 Prince George Julian West and Janet Scotland BC Political Studies Association meeting
in Prince George { HYPERLINK "http://resweb.res.unbc.ca/bcstudiesbcpsa/" } <http://resweb.res.unbc.ca/bcstudiesbcpsa/>

May 3 Surrey Public Library hosted forum on STV at the Guilford Library. The panel includes
Elayne Brenziger DRBC, Frank Bucholtz, Surrey Leader/Langley Times, Nick Loenen, and an
alumni TBA. Contact: Imtiaz Popat { HYPERLINK "mailto:imtiaz@vcn.bc.ca" } imtiaz@vcn.bc.ca

May 6 Surrey Troy Lanigan, Canadian Taxpayers Federation and Andrew Petter, former NDP
Attorney General speak for Yes at Chamber of Commerce lunch. Contact: Tory Lanigan {
HYPERLINK "mailto:tlanigan@telus.net" } tlanigan@telus.net

For many, many additional events see Events Calendar of the Assembly Alumni { HYPERLINK
"http://bc-stv.ca/" } <http://bc-stv.ca/>

HELPFULL HINTS Alumni Jack MacDonald wrote a wonderfully complete, and balanced
account of why the Citizens Assembly selected BC-STV. Get the inside story. { HYPERLINK
"http://bcelectoralreform.ca/" } <http://bcelectoralreform.ca>

Pass this copy of Update on to others.

With just one month left now is the time for supporters to organize speaking events, write
letters, call call-in shows. Please do your part. If we fail on May 17, significant democratic
reform will be pushed back for a generation.

You can participate in, or just watch the speculation on a Yes victory. Election Stock Market
(UBC) { HYPERLINK "http://esm.ubc.ca/" } <http://esm.ubc.ca/>

We have an attractive flyer for distribution door to door, in your apartment building, place of
work etc. You can request quantities, or print them yourself from our web site.

News cite { HYPERLINK "http://www.newsqs.com/issue_nq.php?issue_no=4000183" } http://www.newsqs.com/issue_nq.php?issue_no=4000183

Help Fund Campaign An effective Yes campaign needs funding. Your help makes it possible.
Donations great and small are needed. With just 32 days till Referendum, now is the time to
make your donation. Do it today!

Please make your contribution by cheque payable to Fair Voting BC, and mail to Fair Voting BC
c/o John Vegt 123 Queens Ave., New Westminster, BC V3L 1J4. Because FVBC is deemed to
be political it cannot issue tax receipts. FVBC is registered under the BC Societies Act as a
non-profit organization since 1998. Receipts and financial statements are available upon
request.

Directors thank all who have already supported.

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**7. CED (Community Economic Development) EVENTS  
STRENGTHENING THE NETWORK: BUILDING LOCAL CAPACITY TO PROMOTE  
COMMUNITY SOCIAL PLANNING IN BC COMMUNITIES**

FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2005 (4:00 pm to 9:00 pm)  
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2005 (8:30 am ? 4:00 pm)  
RICHMOND, BC

The conference will begin at 4:00 pm on Friday, June 17 with a reception, opening greetings, information panel, dinner, and other networking opportunities. Friday events will take place at the Best Western Richmond Hotel & Convention Centre.

Saturday activities will include plenary sessions and workshops to address issues such as: participating in the municipal election process, building support for social planning in your community, funding social planning initiatives, building effective partnerships, and other topics of interest. Saturday activities will take place at the Richmond Cultural Centre (a short 10 ? 15 minute walk from the hotel) from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

For more information watch the CSPN BC website ([www.sparc.bc.ca/social\\_planning\\_network](http://www.sparc.bc.ca/social_planning_network)) or email [gtong@sparc.bc.ca](mailto:gtong@sparc.bc.ca) to be included in the CSPN BC information list.

Information on registration and possible subsidies for participants representing community social planning organizations will be distributed as details are finalized.

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GPI Pacific Society Annual General Meeting

Peter Kaye Room in Library Square
(350 West Georgia, Vancouver),
Thursday, April 21 2005 4:00 5:30

This past year has been an exciting and dynamic year for the GPI Pacific Society. For example, we held a successful Open Space strategic planning event last October that identified 10 priority issues for GPI to consider in the coming months. This was just one of numerous practical steps that have been taken by dedicated volunteers to make sure that we can leap into more vigorous organizational development and action in 2005.

The upcoming AGM will update you on all of last year's accomplishments and provide an outline of anticipated activities for the coming year, including information on progress made in fundraising activities. Most importantly,

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the AGM will also see the election of an expanded board of directors who will develop and help implement a strategic plan for GPI-Pacific based on our recent and robust discussions.

If you are interested in being part of the board of directors, please send a brief e-mail describing your interests and skills to the Selection Committee at gpiac@vcn.bc.ca. ~~~~~

The Third Annual International BALLE Conference

VANCOUVER, BC, Canada, Mar.30, 2005 (BALLE BC) Hosted at the University of British Columbia. Dear Friends of BALLE, This year's BALLE Conference will inspire your business and community to new levels of success. Learn how Local Living Economy businesses succeed! Build the marketplace for Local Living Economies! Connect with a growing network of business and community leaders who are making a difference! See you there! For details:

<http://www.ballebc.com/conference.htm> . To register: Don't miss this opportunity to join us. There are four days left to register at the early bird rate of 235 dollars, Canadian.

<https://www.sporg.com/servlet/LinkToEventServlet?EventId=9309>.

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**HEARTLAND OR HINTERLAND CONFERENCE**

British Columbia From the InsideOut -

Thanks to Nythalah Baker, BC Rural Women's Network - April 28-30, 2005, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, BC. For three days at UNBC academics, provincial business leaders, and public figures will discuss and debate the place of rural and remote regions in our province's past, present and future. Just two weeks before the provincial election, this conference will address the crucial issues facing voters in our region as they go to the polls. Conference themes include: Imagined Communities, Regional Politics, Health and Wellness, Heritage and Identity  
For Program Information see <http://resweb.res.unbc.ca/bcstudiesbcpsa/>

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Canadian CED Network National Conference

Sign up now for the National CED Conference! The conference title is CED and the Social Economy - Building an Inclusive Movement with a diversity of people, communities and approaches. It will take place from May 3 ? 7, 2005 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Conference registration is now open at: <http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca/en/pages/conference.asp>

This conference is a great chance to meet many people (more than 500 will be there) who are doing great work across Canada. Hear about their struggles, their ideas, their innovations, and their stories in general. I have always found these events to be inspiring and come away feeling stronger in what I do because I know that there is a whole growing national (and international) movement that I am part of.

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This conference will help to build an inclusive agenda for CED and the Social Economy that reflects the needs of all those communities and development processes. One area of focus for CCEDNet over the next year will be to ensure that the CED and Social Economy sector is recognized and included in determining investment priorities and strategies by the government of Canada and other stakeholders. This national conference will be an important opportunity to create a common voice in the development of federal policy and programs to support CED and the Social Economy.~~~~~
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**3rd Annual CED Forum-Revelstoke**

May 30, 2005

Hillcrest Resort, Revelstoke - 2005 Forest Capital of BC

Hosted by the five Kootenay-area Community Futures Development Corporations, this forum is an excellent opportunity to establish a regional dialogue between CED practitioners from many different sectors and organizations...

<http://www.kbced.ca/march2005/march05.htm>~~~~~

**Smart Growth BC Forum 2005**

On June 17th, 2005, Smart Growth BC is convening a leading edge forum highlighting the costs, benefits, challenges and solutions of 'Financing Smart Growth'. This strategic forum will consider the role of local and provincial governments, as well as the development and financing community. Interactive sessions will review barriers and solutions including regulatory practises, innovative financing schemes, and case studies to determine the key components of successful and financially viable smart growth.

[http://www.smartgrowth.bc.ca/index.cfm?Group\\_ID=3509](http://www.smartgrowth.bc.ca/index.cfm?Group_ID=3509)~~~~~  
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Bologna Summer Program for Co-operative Studies, 2005

Economics and Management of Co-operative Enterprises

Vancouver Sessions: June 27-June 30, Bologna: July 4-July 22

Leadership Tour

July 15 - July 22, Bologna, Italy

Dear Colleague,

We are once again very pleased to announce this year's Bologna Summer Program for Co-operative Studies and attach the program outline for your information.

The Bologna Summer Program is now entering its fourth year and continues to deliver one of the most innovative stimulating programs on the study of co-operative enterprises and co-op economies offered anywhere. The BC Co-operative Association, VanCity Savings and the University of Bologna jointly sponsor the program.

This year, The Bologna Summer Program commences in Vancouver from June 27-30, and continues in Bologna, Italy from July 4-July 22. As in previous

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years, the program includes a university credit stream, a certificate stream, and a Leadership Tour for those who cannot attend the full program.

The Vancouver Sessions, held at Simon Fraser University, feature a lecture series led by some of the world's leading thinkers on co-operative economics and practice, and are available to all interested individuals. Vancouver Sessions participants are not required to register for the program in Italy.

We hope you will take advantage of this unique learning opportunity in one Europe's most enchanting regions, offered at the University of Bologna, Europe's oldest university. In a province where many of us are looking for creative alternatives for our local economies, there has never been a better time to learn from the successes of others. The Bologna Summer Program is the journey of a lifetime and we look forward to seeing many of you in this year's program.

For further details please visit our web site at <http://www.bcca.coop/programs/bologna.htm>
To download program brochures click on the following links:

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http://www.bcca.coop/pdfs/bologna_brochure.pdf
<http://www.bcca.coop/pdfs/bologna_brochure.pdf>
Leadership Tour Brochure http://www.bcca.coop/pdfs/leadership_tour.pdf
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For registration inquiries, please contact Nancy Melo at 604-877-6565 or e-mail nancy_melo@vancity.com <mailto:nancy_melo@vancity.com> .

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**A time of renewal, learning, and celebration: The annual Summer School on Building Community**

June 15 ? 18 at Langara College, presents over 40 workshops. Topics include social economy, working together, reaching out, leadership, and more! The summer school will be preceded by a Forum on Social Economy; additional program activities include community building stories, dinner, and celebration. For details, contact Mali Bain at [mbain@langara.bc.ca](mailto:mbain@langara.bc.ca) or 604-323-5981 ext. 2  
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