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## CBT Supports Inspiring Youth Projects

Thursday, January 13, 2011

*Next deadline for Columbia Basin Youth Grants is February 21, 2011*

Four youth projects were successful in the recent intake of the Columbia Basin Youth Grants program. Offered by CBT, the grants support youth-led projects that directly benefit Basin youth (ages 15 to 29) and involve youth in project development, planning and implementation. Applications for the next intake are due February 21, 2011.

"The Columbia Basin Youth Grants support projects that develop leadership skills and include young people," said Wayne Lundeberg, CBT Director, Youth Initiatives. "This doesn't mean that adults can't be part of the process; just that youth must be meaningfully involved where appropriate."

The Salmo Youth Action Project, one of the four projects approved, aims to empower youth to take action on important social issues in their community and will provide new educational, cultural and social opportunities for local youth.

"It's very rewarding to see our planning come to life and to have our project approved," said Melanie Mobbs, Administrative Coordinator for the Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre. "We are so grateful for the opportunity to try these new ideas, like the radio show, writing club and art and drama workshops. We're looking forward to a fantastic 2011 for youth in the Salmo Valley."

Another project receiving CBT support, Redefining Beauty, is a peer-led program that will offer workshops for young women in grades seven to 12 in the Greater Trail area, covering topics like body image, self-esteem and healthy relationships.

"Young women struggle with issues like relationships, body image and self-worth," said Meghan Stewart, Coordinator of the Columbia Youth Community Development Centre, which is spearheading the project. "Redefining Beauty will help them deal with these struggles. With funding from its generous supporters, such as CBT, this project has been a success in the past, and we are excited for round two in the spring of 2011."

The other successful projects are the Beautiful Creston Valley Video Production Project, which will provide youth with digital media production skills through workshops and hands-on experience, and the Twin Rivers 360 Mentorship Program in Castlegar, an after-school program that connects high school and elementary students and builds resiliency skills.

The deadline for the next intake of the Columbia Basin Youth Grants is February 21, 2011. Unlike previous years, in which CBT accepted applications year-round, this year the program has two application deadlines, in spring and fall.

People with project ideas are encouraged to start their applications by contacting CBT's Youth Liaison well before the deadline. The Liaison provides support to applicants throughout the process, including discussing project ideas, providing application assistance and giving feedback on rough copies of applications.

For more information and to access the application form and support documents, visit [www.cbt.org/youth](http://www.cbt.org/youth) or [www.scratchonline.ca/grants](http://www.scratchonline.ca/grants).



## Arts, Culture and Heritage Granting Programs Now Accepting Applications

Thursday, January 13, 2011

The Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA) is inviting individuals of all artistic disciplines—as well as arts, culture and heritage organizations—to apply for funding provided by CBT under its arts, culture and heritage granting program, which was recently awarded \$555,000 for the 2011/12 fiscal year.

“CKCA administers and manages arts, culture and heritage program funding on behalf of CBT,” explained Jacquie Hamilton, CKCA Chair. “This program supports projects in all arts disciplines and gives artists a chance to broaden their abilities, while also ensuring residents in the Basin have opportunities to be exposed to great local talent.”

The arts, culture and heritage program streams include: project funding for individuals and groups through community arts councils; minor capital project funding; funding support to touring; arts and heritage mentoring/master classes; organizational development; major project funding; artists in education; major exhibition funding; major heritage capital funding; and funding for new heritage projects. Funding applications are adjudicated once a year by local arts councils and the CKCA Steering Committee.

“CBT strives to create long-term sustainability in the Basin, including in the arts, culture and heritage sectors,” said Lynda Lafleur, CBT Community Liaison. “Through CKCA, CBT is able to support and strengthen both individuals and organizations, and increase awareness of these sectors within the Basin and beyond.”

More information, funding policies and funding application forms are available online at [www.basinculture.com](http://www.basinculture.com), from local community arts councils or by phoning the CKCA at 1-250-505-5505 or toll free at 1-877-505-7355.

Funding applications must be received by March 11 or March 25, 2011, depending on the program.



## Grant Writing Workshops

Thursday, January 13, 2011

Carrie Schafer, CBT Community Liaison, is hosting free grant writing workshops. The workshops will cover topics like project identification, setting priorities, developing a project proposal and budget and how to complete a funding application. They will also include information about CBT's granting programs.

The workshops are being held in four communities. Please RSVP to the number listed below each.

Kimberley

January 25, 2011

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

College of the Rockies, Kimberley Campus RM 12

RSVP to 1.877.489.2687 x 3752

Crawford Bay

January 26, 2011

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Crawford Bay School

RSVP to 1.250.225.3333

Creston

January 27, 2011

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Creston Chamber of Commerce

RSVP to 1.250.428.5332

Cranbrook

February 1, 2011

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

College of the Rockies, Cranbrook Campus RM 151

RSVP to 1.877.489.2687 x 3381

Fernie

February 8, 2011

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Park Place Hotel

RSVP to 1.250.423.6817

Sparwood

February 8, 2011

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sparwood Chamber of Commerce

RSVP to 1.250.425.2463

Elkford

February 11, 2011

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Banquet Hall, Recreation Centre.

RSVP to Dorothy or Randi at 1.250.865.4000

For more information or to express interest in having a workshop in an additional community, contact 1.800.505.8998.



## Ecosystem Restoration Website Launched

Thursday, January 06, 2011

The Rocky Mountain Trench Ecosystem Restoration Program has launched a [website](#) that makes hundreds of East Kootenay rangeland studies, reports, maps and air photos widely available for the first time. The project was made possible through support from CBT's [Environmental Initiatives Program](#).

The website's online library contains over 300 current and historical documents—from a fragment of an 1894 map to 2010 reports—making it the most comprehensive collection of material gathered on East Kootenay grassland and open forest ecosystems. The site also features restoration program news, current and planned projects and long-term strategic plans.

"CBT looks to residents and groups in the Basin for innovative projects that help maintain or enhance the environmental conditions in and around their communities," said Rick Allen, CBT Program Manager, Environment. "This website improves access to information about the East Kootenay grassland and open forest ecosystems, and increases public understanding of the environmental, social and economic values of these areas."

Classified as "fire-maintained," these ecosystems have been studied for decades because of their significance to biodiversity, wildlife, ranching, recreation and forestry. Gradual degradation and loss of these ecosystems has caused considerable concern among competing land users, and this controversy has been the focus of much study.

The Rocky Mountain Trench Ecosystem Restoration Program, the first of its kind in BC, was established in the late 1990s to restore local rangelands to their natural fire-maintained conditions.



## CBT Supports Joseph Creek Foot Bridge Construction

Thursday, January 06, 2011

CBT has provided \$24,000 toward the construction of a foot bridge over Joseph Creek in Cranbrook. The bridge will connect Joseph Creek Village to Tamarack Centre, ensuring the safety of seniors and other community members. Now complete, some of the funding contributors gathered at the bridge to celebrate its opening. Thanks to Gerald Jolliffe for heading up a committee to complete the project.

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In photo (left to right): Carrie Schafer, CBT Community Liaison; Sandra van Steijn, Casino Manager for St. Eugene Golf Resort and Casino; Wendy Van Puymbroeck, Director of Sales and Marketing for St. Eugene Golf Resort and Casino; Max Dressler, CEO for St. Eugene Golf Resort and Casino; David Wilks, Mayor of Sparwood; Scott Manjak, Mayor of Cranbrook; and Gerald Jolliffe, Cranbrook resident.

# Castlegar Winter of Community Learning

Introducing three exciting and **FREE** professional development opportunities to fire up your brain cells and stimulate your community-focused thought processes during these cold winter months. All three workshops will take place at the **Fireside Inn** and will **include meals**. The topics to be explored are as follows:

**Welcoming and Inclusive Communities – First Contact Training**, on Jan. 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (lunch provided).

**The Futures Game – Understanding how planning decisions can affect your community's future**, on Feb. 16 from 5 – 8:30 p.m. (dinner provided).

**Your Voice and Public Policy – How to advocate for structural/systemic change**, on March 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (lunch provided).

(please see workshop details on the accompanying page)

To register online, please visit [www.surveymonkey.com/s/winterlearning](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/winterlearning) and complete the short form. You can also print off the page, fill it out manually, and fax it to 250-352-6712. To register by phone, call Colleen at 250-352-6786.





## Detailed Workshop Content

### 1. Welcoming and Inclusive Communities - First Contact Training Session

We all want to create a welcoming experience for newcomers and their families, but to do so requires skills and awareness. There's a reason there are so many clichés around the importance of first impressions – they can determine, at least in part, the quality of experience to follow, especially for people grappling with sometimes-intimidating new environments. Most importantly, how we welcome newcomers can affect whether they stay in our communities.

This training focuses on cultural sensitivity education, awareness of newcomer needs, and information on community resources for participants.

The workshop will be presented by Audry Lochrie, of the Trail Skills Centre.

### 2. The Futures Game – Understanding how planning decisions can affect your community's future

Part workshop, part crystal ball - Imagine being able to make planning decisions now, and see right away how those decisions will impact a region's environmental, demographic and economic well-being years into the future! This highly interactive, participatory workshop does just that, letting you:

- Tackle the challenges of decision-making across the community, economic and environmental dimensions while incorporating global, national and local issues;
- Learn the implications of local and regional decision-making on the future of the community;
- Examine issues such as resource management, regional collaboration, economic revitalization and workforce development; and,
- Engage in robust discussions on planning, community economic development, and sustainability.

This futures-simulation approach, presented by Diana Brooks of the Province of B.C., is more than merely fun – it adds extra depth and strength to community/regional planning efforts and helps hone local leadership and decision-making skills.

### 3. Your Voice and Public Policy: How to Advocate for Structural/Systemic Change

So often, we'd like to take part in setting the agenda for public policy matters that affect our lives – but how? In this workshop, presented by Scott Graham of SPARC BC, participants will:

1. Understand the roles and responsibilities of different levels of government in Canada;
2. Understand different strategies for participating in public policy formation;
3. Identify the key players in locally relevant public policy areas and begin developing policy positions on key issues.

Gain the skills to create a local strategy to engage in policy dialogue with political leaders and government officials in selected policy areas.