

Opportunities

March 31

Early-bird Deadline

***Columbia Basin Culture Tour
Registration***

April 1

Deadline

Youth Action Grants

April 14

Deadline

***Columbia Basin Culture Tour
Registration***

April 17

Deadline

Summer Student Positions

April 26 to 29

Nipika Mountain Resort

***National Environmental Education
Leadership Clinic***

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Wanted: Artists and Venues for the Columbia Basin Culture Tour.

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Summer Student Positions

We have four summer student positions available: three in Castlegar and one in Golden. Apply by April 17.

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New Look, Same Commitment

Friday, December 13, 2013

Introducing our new visual identity

We've spoken to Basin residents. We've consulted with partners and other organizations. We've reflected inwardly. Now we're proud to present our new visual identity—an updated way of conveying what we do and what we stand for.

While our primary colours remain green and blue—representing and honouring the environment, our unique location and our organization's history—we've come to realize the essence of Columbia Basin Trust revolves around "trust."

Basin residents have long referred to us as "the Trust." And now the word "trust" has become the focal point of our visual identity.

Within our new identity, you'll also notice a slight emphasis on "us." This reflects the idea that we act in service of everyone in the Basin.

For, as always, the Trust continues to support the ideas and efforts of the people of the Basin. We often work behind the scenes, and take our lead from residents and communities. The Trust is here to offer resources, experience and support to all Basin residents.

While our range of services, programs, initiatives and financial investments is complex, our purpose is straightforward and easy to understand: we exist and act for the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Columbia Basin—now and for generations to come.

[View more rationale behind the visual identity and a few ways it can be applied.](#)



Projects Support Social Well-Being in the Columbia Basin

Friday, March 21, 2014

32 projects receive support from the Trust's Social Grants Program

Thirty-two projects that support social well-being have been approved to receive nearly \$1 million in funding from Columbia Basin Trust's **Social Grants Program**.

"Our selection committee approved a diverse range of projects from a strong showing of applications during our annual intake," said Sabrina Curtis, Director, Sector Initiatives. "These projects will continue to build and strengthen the social sector in our region."

One of the successful recipients is the Golden Food Bank Society. Its project involves a food recovery program for the Golden area.

"In this initial stage, we hope to help minimize waste while increasing our supply of food for hampers," said Melanie Myers, Executive Director. "We also hope to create a more sustainable food bank model that other groups can use in the future."

Another successful recipient is the City of Revelstoke, which will deliver a financial literacy program.

"Our goals are to help our community's residents to be more secure financially and to strengthen our community's ability to work together to address financial literacy needs," said Alan Mason, Director, Community Economic Development, Revelstoke and area. "This project is an important part of collaborative efforts to reduce poverty in our community over the long term."

The Elkford Women's Task Force Society will offer a program for Elk Valley children aged three to five years, which will use play and parent participation to promote positive self-image, physical activity and healthy eating.

"The Healthy Start program will present physical-based education in a fun and exciting way," said Jennifer Cherney, Elkford Early Childhood Development Coordinator. "It will give families ideas of how to make physical activity fun at home, while encouraging children to have positive self-esteem and make healthy eating choices, in hopes of helping reduce childhood obesity. It will also prepare children for kindergarten."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cranbrook will pilot the expansion of its program into Nelson and Castlegar.

"After a year of development work we are thrilled to be able to offer our In School Mentoring programs in Castlegar and Nelson in 2014," said Dana Osiowy, Executive Director. "We know about the long-term benefits to our children when they have a mentor and having a professionally trained and supported mentoring team in the West Kootenay will mean those benefits will be felt throughout the communities."

The St. Mary's Indian Band project aims to support Band Elders to connect with their community.

"Our Sharing Wisdom project focuses on the socialization and well-being for our community. This grant will help to bring elders together within the nation and mentor cultural and traditional teachings," said Cindy Wales, RN Community Health Representative. "By sharing their wisdom, elders will feel valued and become more active within the community."

The Social Grants Program Selection Committee makes the granting decisions. This volunteer group of Basin residents includes individuals who have experience and expertise in the social sector, and individuals who have broader community development experience.

See the full list of projects approved for funding.

For more information about the program, visit cbt.org/sgp.



Selkirk College Announces Project to Transform Campuses

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Selkirk College has secured \$1 million from the Trust to go toward \$32 million in upgrades and enhancements to its Silver King and Castlegar campuses. The project will result in modern facilities that provide the most beneficial learning environments for students, and is the first step in bringing improved training options to students choosing a career in trades.

"We are pleased to provide these funds that will be used as part of the total funds required to upgrade the Silver King Campus," said Neil Muth, Trust President and CEO. "This funding will allow Selkirk College to improve and increase training opportunities in the trades and technology sector—something that is essential to our economic well-being in the Basin."

The proposed improvements to the Silver King Campus include a major renovation and equipment upgrade to the shop areas, work on the classroom block and the addition of student common learning spaces. The Castlegar Campus will see a major redevelopment of its learning spaces, classrooms and equipment.

[Read more here.](#)



Artists and Venues Wanted!

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Columbia Basin Culture Tour takes place August 9 and 10, 2014

Artists and venues that wish to participate in this summer's Columbia Basin Culture Tour are invited to register before the early-bird deadline of March 31.

This two-day, self-guided tour showcases local arts, culture and heritage, and is offered at no charge to the public. It allows visitors to meet the participants behind the scenes and to:

- visit artists' studios that may not regularly be open to the public
- purchase works directly from the artists
- visit art galleries, museums and cultural centres to view special interpretive displays, archives, demonstrations or performances
- meet people like the artists, curators, historians and volunteers who are such a vital part of our local culture.

To learn more and register to take part, [click here](#).



Careers and Opportunities

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