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Belong 2017, Living Wage and more!



Earlier this month, the CBT team joined 700 community foundation delegates and philanthropic leaders from 32 countries in Ottawa for [Belong 2017](#), the Community Foundations of Canada's biennial conference. We met to address one compelling question: how can we create communities where everyone belongs? The conference line up featured renowned speakers (Desmond Cole, Joseph Boyden, Cindy Blackstock, and John Ralston Saul to name a few!) who openly discussed their different perspectives on inclusion, reconciliation and belonging. Along the conference stage stood the [Witness Blanket](#), a large-scale wooden tapestry composed of reclaimed items from former residential schools, churches, and government and cultural centres, which stood as a reminder of the atrocities that occurred in the residential school era and as a symbol for the ongoing process of reconciliation.

We also had the opportunity to attend the [National Thought Table on Reconciliation](#), a roundtable discussion moderated by Candy Palmater, where we heard from a diverse panel of thought leaders on the various narratives and perspectives surrounding the Canadian reconciliation landscape. The conversation was very much guided by the [National Narrative on Reconciliation Survey Report](#) which surveyed Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians on their beliefs, views and perspectives on reconciliation and the path forward for Canada.

As we reflect on our time at Belong 2017 we are inspired by the great work being done in our communities towards truth, healing and reconciliation and the opportunity to move forward as a region.

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- Rebecca Hurwitz, Executive Director

Leadership Vancouver Island Now Accepting Applications!



A Living Wage for the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Region- update





Leadership Vancouver Island is a community-focused, grassroots leadership development program that aims to inspire and build capacity for outstanding leadership, learning and service. Applications are due July 15, 2017 @ 4pm. Visit our [website](#) for more info and to register!

Learning by the Sea- Ahousaht



A community Lunch and Learn afternoon to celebrate Science Odyssey Week, was held at the Maaqtusiis Secondary School in Ahousaht on May 16. The purpose was to share knowledge and celebrate the launch of a new NSERC PromoScience learning partnership between Ahousaht youth, the Maaqtusiis Secondary School, traditional knowledge holders and university scientists. We will all be working together this year on science projects within the cultural landscape of Ahousaht Territory. Contact CBT Research Coordinator, [Dr. Laura Loucks](#) for more info!

Upcoming Events in our Region

Sunny Sundays in the Wya Garden

SUNNY SUNDAYS IN THE GARDEN
 Sunday mornings all summer
 Everyone welcome to pitch in, play, and learn in the Yuuluḡiḡaḡ community garden
 All ages and all talents welcome!
 Located at the Wya Point Welcome Centre at the junction
 marylin.touchie@ufn.ca



It's been two years since the CBT first published our regional living wage report and we are excited to share the 2017 living wage with you!

The living wage is the hourly pay that each parent must earn to cover the basic expenses of an average family of four. Our living wage rose 84 cents since 2015 and is now the second highest living wage in BC.

[Read the Living Wage Report](#) to see what has changed since 2015.

Tofino Chapter of West Coast Fishing Guide Association donates to Clayoquot Sound Wild Salmon Fund!



Check out our [website](#) news feed for the full story!

Other Grant Opportunities

DEADLINE: June 14, 2017!

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Learning Initiatives in Rural and Northern BC

(LIRN BC)

June 16th, 2017 @ 5 pm

LIRN BC is a collaborative approach to building on the capacities of rural, remote and Northern British Columbian communities. The LIRN BC process encourages local government, provincial, federal, First Nations, non-government organizations and businesses to work together to plan, deliver and evaluate a locally relevant learning initiative. [Email](#)

All ages and skill levels welcome! Contact [Marylin](#) for more info!

Bike to Work & School Week BC

May 29 - June 4

Register [online](#) and win a cyclist's dream vacation in Croatia!



Surfrider's Cox Bay Clean Up & Hands Across the Sand



Upcoming CBT Events

CBT Annual General Meeting



[LIRN BC Coordinator](#) for an application.

Vancouver Foundation: Field of Interest Grants

Various Deadlines

Grants of up to \$75,000 for organizations with innovative projects in our four fields of interest: Arts and Culture; Education and Training; Environment and Animal Welfare; and Health and Social Development. Visit their [website](#) for more info.

Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program

Various Deadlines

The program offers funding and learning opportunities designed to enable municipalities to address challenges related to climate change. More info [here](#)

Municipal Asset Management Program

Various Deadlines

This new program will offer training and funding to make infrastructure dollars go further for Canadian communities. More info [here](#)

Building Small Communities Fund

April 28, 2017

Funding available for infrastructure projects in communities with less than 100,000 residents. More info [here](#)

BC Tourism Events Program

April 30, 2017

The Province of BC has launched the Tourism Events Program to support the delivery of world-class events that can both increase the volume of visitors to British Columbia, and increase global recognition for the province. More info [here](#)

Plan H: Building Social Connectedness

May 30, 2017

Plan H: Active Communities Grant

June 30, 2017

Funding is available for local governments and their partners in the Island Health Authority and Interior Health Authority regions. Grants of up to \$30,000 will be available to individual communities. Combined grants of up to \$100,000 will be made available to communities that are working together for greater impact in their region. More info [here](#)

BC Music Fund- various grants!

Various Deadlines

[Read about the BC Music Fund](#) and the various grant programs designated to support BC artists/performers, music, events, business development and more!

VITAL SIGNS® 2016

Now Available!

Vital Signs is a community check-up conducted by community foundations across Canada that measure the vitality of our communities and identifies trends in a range of areas critical to quality of life. Vital Signs

Thursday, June 8, 2017
1 pm - 2:30 pm
Ucluelet Community Centre

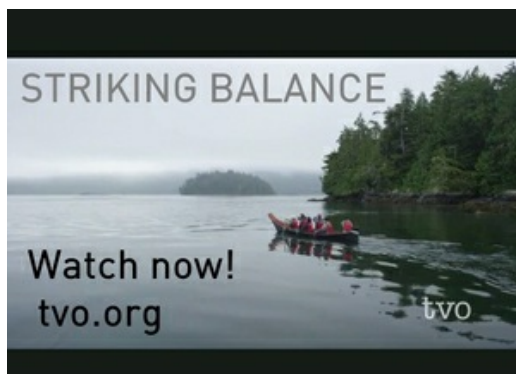
CBRA Day on the Hill



The Canadian Biosphere Reserve Association (CBRA) is planning a one-day event at Parliament Hill to let all parties know about the work accomplished by [UNESCO biosphere reserves](#) in Canada.

Watch Now Online... Striking Balance: Clayoquot Sound

Our Clayoquot Sound episode is [now available to watch on TVO](#) and will be aired on the [Knowledge Network](#) on May 31 at 7 pm!



CBT is a registered charity. Your donation helps fund programs to conduct biosphere research, provide education, and support healthy communities.

for the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve region includes Hot Springs Cove, Ahousaht, Opitsaht, Tofino, Esowista/Ty-Histanis, Ucluelet, Hitacu, Macoah, ACRD-Area C.

Read Vital Signs



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