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Social Economy and Sustainability Research Network Partenariat sur l'économie sociale et la durabilité

Bridging, Bonding, and Building / Renforcement des liens et des capacités

Next Steps ...



Patty, Leslie, Sonja and Luc

This summer marks the wrap-up of the ongoing research projects in the Atlantic Node of the Social Economy research CURA, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2005-2010. Research partners are pulling together the final threads of our 50+ projects that have been underway since 2005. Final Project Reports for all Atlantic Node projects, along with copies of research outputs (including conference presentations, papers, links to journal articles, etc.) are due Aug. 31, 2010, and we will be updating our website this fall with the research products.

Look for our next and final newsletter in the spring of 2011, where we will share more with you in our work that weaves together some of these threads in answer to our research goals, themes and questions. In the meantime, see the links to our public website provided within the newsletter, especially the additions to our Working Paper Series: <http://www.msvu.ca/socialeconomyatlantic/English/documentsE.asp#Working>

Over the last 5 years, our community, academic and government partners have participated in many activities. We have communicated about our research with many audiences - from our local social economy organizations engaged as partners in our research, to the wider public and academic audiences at local, regional, national and international levels. All of our research partners will continue their work in the social economy organizations of Atlantic Canada, in our universities, and in town hall meetings and government boardrooms across the region. The next few pages include some highlights from the Atlantic Node/Social Economy Network sub-nodes, as our partners continue their work and move on to the next steps!

As one example, ... in February 2010, SSHRC awarded \$1 million towards a new suite of research projects concerning Canada's co-operative sector. Led by the Canadian Co-operative Association in partnership with four Canadian universities (St. Mary's U, Mount Saint Vincent U, U Saskatchewan and U Victoria), the research network is funded for a 5 year term to conduct research on the social, economic and environmental impact of co-operatives. More than a dozen other co-operative associations, co-ops, credit unions and academic researchers will also participate in this research collaboration. Members of the Atlantic Node team (2005-2010) play important roles in this new CURA – Sonja Novkovic is the academic lead of the new CURA, Leslie Brown is the Atlantic research cluster lead, Luc Thériault is a collaborator, and Erin Hancock (former student with Luc at UNB) is the Program Coordinator. Follow development of this CURA at: <http://www.cooperativedifference.coop/>

See inside for more on the work of other partners!

This newsletter was designed by Noreen Millar, Network Coordinator, with thanks to various photographers!

ANSER AND CASC 2010 JUNE 1-4 - CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL

The Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER) held its annual conference as part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at Concordia University, June 2 to 4, 2010. Henry Mintzberg of McGill University was the keynote speaker on Wednesday, June 2nd. The conference involved panels of about 200 leading researchers on such themes as: The social economy: differing perspectives; civil society and its challenges; Nonprofits and charities in a changing world; Social enterprises and social entrepreneurship; Co-operatives and their challenges; Community organizing and community economic development; Volunteering and citizenship engagement; Changing conceptions of financing; Governance and management; Public policy and government relations; Communication, networking and social marketing; Community/university research partnerships.

The annual conference of the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation (CASC) was also held June 1-4, 2010 at Concordia University. Its theme was *Community Building through Co-operative Research: Challenges and Opportunities at Home and Abroad*. Researchers, students, and practitioners were invited to reflect on the importance of co-operative research to building equitable and sustainable communities. Our Network had several representatives and participants at both conferences.

Check out the CASC program online: <http://www.coopresearch.coop/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/CASC-Program-Draft.pdf>

and the ANSER program online at: <http://www.anser-ares.ca/files/conf10/ANSERprogramprintedE.pdf>

Start planning your trip to Congress 2011 – May 28-June 5, Fredericton, New Brunswick!

ANSERJ

The *Canadian Journal of Nonprofit and Social Economy Research / Revue canadienne de recherche sur les OSBL et l'économie sociale (ANSERJ)* is an online open access English and French peer-review publication. *ANSERJ* is dedicated to providing a stimulating and vibrant forum for the open dissemination of contemporary high-quality, peer-reviewed research on nonprofits and the social economy. This journal is intended to contribute to extending and linking the value of nonprofit and social economy research relationships across Canada and throughout the world. *ANSERJ* is multi-disciplinary, as well as interdisciplinary. High quality theoretically based, empirically grounded research and applied research from different perspectives is welcome to further the frontiers between theory and practice. Check out the ANSER journal online: <http://www.anser-ares.ca/anserj.html>

BuildingPolicy4th Social Economy

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2009 - Halifax, Nova Scotia

Formuler une Politique pour l'économie sociale

Du 30 sept. au 2 oct. 2009 - Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse



The Network held the Policy Colloquium last fall, with over 100 participants in attendance. View the agenda, workshop presentations, café session posters, handouts and speaker audio files, along with several background papers, on our website:

<http://www.msvu.ca/socialeconomyatlantic/English/colleqE.asp>

ATLANTIC COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

A number of Network partners have been instrumental in the formation of The Atlantic Council for Community and Social Enterprise. The roots of this organization can be traced to a Knowledge Transfer pilot project that was undertaken by Québec's "le Chantier de l'économie sociale" back in 2008. At the time, the Canadian CED Network's Atlantic Coordinator, a community partner of the Social Economy Network, helped to promote the Chantier's outreach initiative and a number of people helped to organize two workshops in Moncton, NB (one in English and one in French) that offered training in financial analysis and financial management for Social Enterprises. The enthusiasm of the workshop participants, spurred on and supported by other volunteers, led to the formation of an ad hoc group to promote SE in the Atlantic region. The group operated on a shoestring and without staff, but members grew in resolve during 2009, eventually deciding to formalize with a name, a logo, and a mission. ACCSE's MISSION: to promote economic policies and enhance entrepreneurial opportunities for organizations whose primary purpose is

to contribute to community wellbeing. ACCSE's VALUES: • Promote community based development and empowerment instead of growth; • Support community participation in ownership and/or governance; • Build the sector's strength and capacity; • Lead by example; • Recognize that people are more important than capital; • Aspire to social and environmental justice.

ACCSE's members decided to organize a Learning Event that would help to raise awareness in the Atlantic region that the social economy in Canada is larger than the automotive manufacturing industry and contributes jobs and opportunities to Canadians from coast to coast to coast. The Social Economy Network helped sponsor this event, and had a good showing of members in attendance and as presenters. ACCSE incorporated as a co-operative and a core group of members held a very successful Learning Event that brought together over 100 participants at the NS Community College's Dartmouth campus March 25th and 26th, 2010. ACCSE's inaugural AGM was held in June in PEI.

<http://www.accse.ca/>

The 2010 National Summit on a People-Centred Economy

May 30 - June 1, 2010 - Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario

From cooperatives that have existed for more than a century, to the latest innovative social enterprises, citizen-led efforts to build a people-centred economy are rich in their history and diversity. In the face of recent economic turmoil and growing ecological crises, these approaches are more relevant than ever.

The 2010 National Summit on a People-Centred Economy was an unprecedented gathering of over 340 leaders and representatives of the community economic development, cooperative and social economy sectors to build a common agenda and mobilize action for a secure, sustainable economy that puts people and the planet first.

The Summit focussed on six themes: Finance and Investment; Enterprise Development; Local Revitalization; Organizing the Social Economy Marketplace; Strengthening the Movement; International.

Our Network had several representatives at the Summit, including Sonja Novkovic (Co-Coordinator, SN5); Penelope Rowe (Co-Coordinator, SN6); Peter Hough (community partner, SN5); David Daughton (community partner, SN1,2); Elizabeth McBain (Grad RA, SN1); and

Noreen Millar (Coordinator).

<http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca/en/summit>

Some of the Coordinators from the regional nodes of the Social Economy CURA took the opportunity to get together and plan



Stuart Wulff (BALTA); Noreen Millar (Atl); Heather Acton (Sask); Annie McKittrick (CSE-Hub); Valoree Walker (Northern).

Social Economy Space (SE space) l'Espace économie sociale (Espace-ÉS)

The purpose of the Social Economy Space is to promote the widest possible dissemination by collecting and preserving intellectual output written by both academics and practitioners, and ensuring that it has high visibility and accessibility. This site collects digital documents or links directly to such materials. Here you will find a full document and not just a reference to it. A reference and resource guide on Social Economy can also be found on the MSVU library site. You can navigate the website by using the browse and search menus found on the site: <http://dc.msvu.ca:8080/handle/10587/9>

The SE-Space site is focused on the works, publications and research by persons involved in researching and writing about matters pertaining to the Social Economy. The main focus is on work authored by or relevant to Atlantic Canadians, though we will gradually expand our coverage of Canadian and international works. We also include links to the other Canadian Social Economy Research Partnerships.

Le but de l'Espace économie sociale est de favoriser la plus grande diffusion possible des résultats intellectuels de travaux menés à la fois par des professeurs d'université et par des praticiens, de les rassembler, de les préserver et d'assurer qu'ils connaissent une grande visibilité et qu'ils sont facilement accessibles. Le site Espace-ÉS se concentre sur les travaux, les publications et la recherche de personnes impliquées dans la recherche et la rédaction d'articles dans le domaine de l'économie sociale.

Canadian Review of Social Policy Special Issue 2011 - Social Economy

The Canadian Review of Social Policy is calling for contributions to a special issue exploring *How the Social Economy Supports, Challenges and Innovates Canadian Social Policy*, to be published in 2011. **The Role of the Social Economy in Supporting, Challenging and Innovating Canadian Social Policy**, Sponsored by BC-Alberta Social Economy Research Alliance and The Canadian Social Economy Research Partnerships. Guest editors are **Jorge Sousa, PhD**, Department of Educational Policy Studies, University of Alberta, and **Stuart Wulff**, Coordinator, BC-Alberta Social Economy Research Alliance (BALTA). Submissions may be written in English or French and should not be under consideration at any other journal or publication. Please email your submission to CRSP at crsp@yorku.ca, following the journal's submission guidelines (www.yorku.ca/crsp) with a statement that it is intended for this special issue. They will be subject to the normal peer-review process. To be considered for the special issue, **papers must be received no later than January 31st, 2011.**

Canadian Public Policy - Special Issue 2011 Strengthening Communities Through Government and Social Economy Partnerships

Sponsored by The SSHRC Canadian Social Economy Research Partnerships. **Guest editors:** Jorge Sousa, PhD, Department of Educational Policy Studies, University of Alberta and Rupert Downing, Co-Director, Social Economy Research Hub. Canadian Public Policy is calling for contributions to a special issue devoted to research that examines how partnerships between Government and the Social Economy strengthens communities, to be published in 2011. The special issue will reflect the wide variety of innovative policy research that has come from the Social Economy partnerships, with a specific focus on Public Policy that supports the different sectors within the Social Economy (e.g. service delivery, environment, employment, sectoral relations).

The Social Economy has significantly contributed to strengthening Canada's social fabric by supporting the capacity of local communities to successfully face a variety of domestic and global challenges. The successes have largely occurred because of innovative partnerships between government and the social economy. However, these partnerships are not without challenges, but the process of overcoming them is as important as the successes themselves. This special edition is intended to highlight the innovative research that reflects the rewards and challenges of the partnership approach. We want the special issue to illustrate the breadth and scope of the Social Economy. It will consequently welcome contributions related to a broad variety of policy-relevant issues, including analysis and developments. Papers of no more than 7,000 words should be submitted in English or French to the Editorial office of Canadian Public Policy, following the usual submission guidelines, with a statement that they are intended for this special issue. They will be subject to the normal peer-review process. **To be considered for the special issue, papers must be received no later than September 30, 2010. Contact Jorge Sousa at sousa@ualberta.ca or Rupert Downing at redowning@shaw.ca if you have any questions concerning the appropriateness of your intended submission.**

Next Steps ...

Partners in the Atlantic Social Economy Network will continue their work across the region in a variety of ways. Following are some highlights of the accomplishments and ongoing work of our Sub-node Coordinators and others.



Penelope Rowe, Community Sector Council Newfoundland and Labrador



Ivan Emke, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial Univ. Of NL



Sonja Novkovic, Saint Mary's Univ.

A few highlights from Sub-node 6

Sub-node 6, co-coordinated by Penelope Rowe (CSCNL) and Ivan Emke (SWGEC), continues its work with projects on communication practices and tools within the social economy, including: « Evaluating the Utility of Webinars as an Information and Communications Technology»; “But I Sent You the E-mail: Exploring e-mail’s effectiveness as a promotional medium within the community sector »; and a “Community Sector Forum: Testing an inclusive approach to engaging community sector leaders in a discussion about key issues and challenges facing the sector.”

The Community Sector Council Newfoundland and Labrador has received major funding from Canada Revenue Agency to undertake a series of clinics and learning opportunities throughout Atlantic Canada for registered charities to assist them in improving compliance accuracy when reporting fundraising costs and activities when completing their annual reports to CRA. CSC will be working with partners in each province to deliver clinics. More about this in September when they start their awareness campaign!

Join CSC Sept 29 – Oct 1 for an exciting three day event:

New Thinking for the Next Decade

This Fall the Community Sector Council Newfoundland and Labrador will host a Provincial Forum – Connecting People, Organizations and Communities: New Thinking for the Next Decade. This Forum will bring together individuals and organizations to focus on current and future directions for the community sector. CSC is partnering with Imagine Canada to host this event, which will also include workshops.

A few highlights from Sub-node 5

In addition to winning awards and being involved in a new CURA, Sonja Novkovic continues her role this summer as Coordinator of Sub-node 5 of the Social Economy Network. Work in this sub-node includes projects investigating the financing needs and challenges facing social economy organizations in the Atlantic region; development of a Statement of Recommended Practice for Co-operative reporting and a diagnostic tool for co-operative firms; and a project relating to the Southern Ontario Node of the SSHRC Social Economy suite, measuring the co-op difference.

CASC 2010 MERIT AWARD WINNER

Dr. Sonja Novkovic, the Co-Coordinator of Sub-node 5 of the Atlantic Social Economy Network, and an economics professor at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, has won the 2010 CASC Award of Merit from the Canadian Association for Studies in Co-operation. Dr. Novkovic teaches in Saint Mary's Masters of Management -- Co-operatives and Credit Unions program as well as in the university's economics department. She is the academic lead researcher for the Measuring the Co-operative Difference Research Network, a five-year, \$1 million project aimed at studying the economic, social and environmental impact of co-operatives and credit unions in Canada. Dr. Novkovic was presented with her award at the CASC conference in Montreal on June 3. (the previous winner of the merit award in 2009 was Dr. Leslie Brown).

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Irené Novaczek, UPEI

A Note from SN2 Coordinator, Irené Novaczek

Our Atlantic region social economy research Network has been such a joy to work with, and so mightily productive! The Network has had a significant impact on our small university, encouraging and enabling us to build deeper and more productive relationships with the wider community, and to be attentive to the research needs of Prince Edward Island's social economy. I'm sure our PEI network members will continue to work together for years to come, and we hope also to be actively collaborating with colleagues across the country whom we have met through this project. My own Institute (Institute of Island Studies at UPEI) is embarking on a new CURA, together with colleagues from the Atlantic Sub-node 4 in Moncton, dealing with community resilience and climate change adaptation. You can follow our progress through the project website: www.coastalcommunitieschallenges.org

I want to thank the SES/ÉSD Network in particular for supporting our work with community partners on Chiloe Island in Chile over the past five years. We are resolved to continue this international research and community development work, and together with partners here and in the south, we are actively seeking funding to support those efforts.

Researchers in the Sub-node 2 team are preparing final reports on projects addressing many aspects of inclusion and empowerment in the social economy, including elements of youth engagement, parental benefits, fair trade legislation, the role of women in fisheries management, etc.



Patty Williams, MSVU

A few highlights from Sub-node 3

SN3 continues its work with research into community food security, evaluation of a food box program, sustainable food purchasing decisions, and solutions to make healthy, local food more available. Team members recently organized a second, very successful, Food Security Forum in Greenwich, NS, in March 2010.

SN3 Coordinator, Dr. Patricia Williams, has recently been awarded a \$1 million Community-University Research Alliances (CURA) grant for her "Activating Policy Change for Community Food Security" research program. Patty, also the Canada Research Chair in Food Security and Policy Change and the Director of the Participatory Action Research and Training Centre on Food Security at the Mount, has been working collaboratively with community, government and academic partners to address the issue of food security for 10 years. Community food security means that everyone in communities can obtain a safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate diet through a sustainable food system that maximizes community self-reliance, and social justice.

"This additional funding will allow our team to continue with research that helps inform policy, strengthen communities and make a lasting, positive impact on our food system," says Williams. "Ultimately, there needs to be social and systems change, so we can help provide food for future generations and ensure we have a healthy population," she said.

With this federal grant, Williams, in partnership with NS Food Security Network (NSFSN) and key community, government and academic partners, will continue to work closely with community members who have first-hand experience with food insecurity. Food insecurity is a reality for many households in Nova Scotia. A 2004 Canadian Community Health Survey study showed that Nova Scotia has the highest rate of income related food insecurity in the country. Almost 15 per cent of all Nova Scotia households reported either moderate or severe income-related food insecurity, compared to just over nine per cent nationally. For more information, visit Mount Saint Vincent's Participatory Action Research and Training Centre on Food Security: <http://www.foodsecurityresearchcentre.ca/>

Next Steps ...



Omer Chouinard,
UdeM

Dear Friends,

Here are some activities in SN4 during the 2010 summer:

This summer we are continuing our work on the project regarding the effects of climate change and sea level rise in the Bay of Shippagan with the town of Shippagan as our partner. This project is done with a colleague of the Shippagan Campus of Université de Moncton, Elise Mayrand, and we have received support of 8,000\$ from the fund for small universities (SSHRC) to do this work. A student of the Masters Program, Alida Thiombiano, is working on this project.

We are also continuing a project on l'adaptation réfléchi en milieu côtier dans 3 districts de services locaux avec le GDDPC comme partenaire. Un professionnel de recherche ,Nicolas Bastien, a titre d'écoconsillier a été embauché. Une subvention de 30,000\$ du Fonds de fiducie en environnement a été obtenu. As coresearcher with a colleague of Department of Geography, Guillaume Fortin (as PI), a project of the sedimentation of Cocagne River is conducted with GDDPC as partner.

Two geography students have been hired to do this work. A subsidy of 30,000\$ was received from the Environmental Trust Fund for this project.

We continue to work with small farmers on the impact on wetlands of cranberry cultivation. A professional researcher, Gilles Martin, and an assistant ,Pricette Dovovou-Vinagbe, as graduate student, are working on this project. The partner is the Cranberry Producers Association. Some of them are also members of RLH.

Pascal Sirois, a graduate student, is working on Active Transportation for his masters thesis with the partner Greater Moncton Postcarbone. Monique Brideau, a student in the Masters programme, is doing the wrap-up of the work on our watershed projects to propose policy for better assistance and funding resources. The partners are Miramichi River Environmental Assessment Committee and Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance. We have received a support of 3,000\$ from the Université de Moncton.

And finally, a graduate student, Alice Koné, is working with me to do the summary of all of the SN #4 projects.

Warm Regards

Omer Chouinard, Coordinator, Sub-node 4

A Note from SN1 Coordinator, Luc Thériault

Luc Thériault, Coordinator of Sub-Node 1, is working this summer with Dr. Jan Myers and Research Assistant Elizabeth McBain on collecting and analysing information from policy stakeholders in the Maritime provinces about the policy context for the Social Economy in the Region. This is one of the two SN1 projects still on-going. The other is led by Larry Haiven of SMU on cultural co-ops in NS. The data collection will be completed by the end of August 2010.

As a collaborator on a new CURA focusing on the "co-op difference" that is co-led by John Anderson (CCA) and Sonja Novkovic (SMU), Luc is also currently active in two new projects. One is to re-write the history of the first co-op in NB, located in Sussex, and the other is to review the survey of co-ops conducted nationally by the Co-op Secretariat (a Federal Agency based in Ottawa).

Luc has also recently contributed to an evaluation of the Tannery Court housing co-ops in Fredericton and Moncton (with colleagues André Leclerc and Omer Chouinard of the Université de Moncton). Results from this evaluation have been presented at Congress in Montréal in June 2010 and at the IAFEP conference in Paris, France, July 2010.



Luc with students Rose Cole
& Erin Hancock

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Université de Moncton, Moncton, N-B – Sociologie, Économie; campus de Shippagan - Arts et Sciences Sociales; campus d'Edmundston – Foresterie
Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS – Economics, Management, Psychology, Masters of Management (Co-operatives & Credit Unions)

Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's,

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The networking continues!