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CCLNet and Leadership Sea to Sky Host National Leadership Think Tank

What is the case for community leadership anyway? How do leaders contribute to resolving community problems and how can they learn more experientially by doing so? What about use of new tools, new media, new ways of engaging the broader community in taking leadership and ramping up demonstrable leadership successes. How can we better measure, evaluate and mentor others in leadership? How can we work better together across Canada and internationally?

These were some of the key questions tackled by the first ever gathering of “Leaders of Canadian Leadership Programs” convened at the Edgewater Lodge in Whistler on June 7 and 8, 2009. The event was hosted by Leadership Sea to Sky with William Roberts CCLNet Treasurer, joined by CCLNet Board Chair Ed Kamps. Mitchell Temkin from Leadership Victoria and Buffy St. Amand from Leadership Calgary also actively participated.

Joining with us for this two day Canadian leadership “think tank” were 20 leaders representing organizations as diverse as the Governor General’s Leadership Conference, The Banff Centre, the Trudeau Foundation, Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Canada, the International Institute for Sustainable Development, McConnell Foundation, Royal Roads University, The Leadwell Foundation, and Refinery Leadership. Monica Patten, President and CEO of the Community Foundations of Canada, and others from community foundations, joined us as well.

The three goals for discussion over five sessions were:

- 1) to exchange information and experiences about leadership development from our various programs;
- 2) explore areas of potential collaboration and partnerships;
- 3) to develop recommendations/ next steps for strengthening leadership in community and civil society across Canada.

We are currently putting together the highlights of our discussions and proceedings in a “Stepping Up Report” which will have much for CCLNet to act on. Stay tuned.

Further information and background documents for this forum are available on the Whistler Forum website at <http://www.whistlerforum.com/councilofa/leadersofl>