

National Community Leadership Conference Under Consideration

The CCLNet board is considering a national community leadership conference, to be held in conjunction with the United Way of Canada-Centraide Canada conference, April 13th and 14th, 2011. Over 400 staff and volunteer leaders from every part of the country will come together in Calgary for the United Way event.

The United Way national conference is driven by two central questions which are at the heart of many recent CCLNet discussions:

- What social change issues do we share in common as a national system on which we can develop local and national change strategies?
- How can we build and mobilize the collective capacity of our organizations and communities to respond to the growing complexity of social issues?

With a theme and content that focuses on "central questions" that challenge our assumptions, reflect and respond to external trends that are or will influence our work in communities, and advance our strategic direction as a movement, the conference will create opportunities to discuss, develop understanding and learn how to:

- Identify social change priorities
- Develop impact strategies
- Develop innovative new approaches to align and achieve impact around priority strategies
- Develop strategies to address the required competencies, leadership, and diversity of staff and volunteers

The CCLNet conference would see us share some of the plenary sessions and meals, plan for potential joint sessions, as well as conduct our own workshops.

We need your help. We are striking a conference planning group to help us plan our part of the conference and to look for opportunities to integrate with the United Way conference.

As a member of the CCLNet conference planning group, you will help define our learning approach, identify creative and effective ways to engage participants, and identify thoughtful leaders that can add value to our conference through workshop sessions.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience of your interest.

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