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Tele-seminar

Labour Market Development Agreements: What does this mean for BC communities?

Strengthening Canada's Communities

Corporatization of welfare services?

Norma Strachan will present key issues regarding the devolution of the federal government's employment and training programs to the government of British Columbia. Participants will have a chance to ask questions and engage in dialogue with community-based organizations across BC who will be affected by this change.

On October 3, CCEDNet member Norma Strachan, Executive Director of ASPECT, presented to the Standing Committee of Finance the highlight issues that stem from the "corporatization" of welfare services and the government's plan to hand over federally-funded employment programs to the provinces. [Read ASPECT's Submission to the Standing Committee of Finance.](#)

Read the related Times Colonist article from October 7, 2007: ["Increasing move to privatization misses those who need help the most."](#)

Presenter: NORMA STRACHAN

As Executive Director of ASPECT, Norma Strachan represents the issues of more than 150 community based employment training agencies throughout British Columbia to both federal and provincial governments. ASPECT membership includes agencies working with immigrants, persons with disabilities, youth and the general unemployed population in both rural and urban communities. Ms. Strachan has served as a Commissioner on the Private Post Secondary Education Commission since 1996 and as Co-Chair of the Minister's Sector Table on Labour Market Issues from 1998 to 2002. Ms. Strachan represents British Columbia employment agencies on the Canadian Coalition of Community Based Employability Trainers (CCCBET) and the National Standards and Guidelines.

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