

A TOOLBOX FOR YOUTH IN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
<p>A guide to youth engagement: “A guide to youth friendly Practices”</p>	<p>“Engaging youth” refers to welcoming youth to participate in the shaping of our community. Young people have unique perspectives and individual strengths to offer. Youth want to be involved in the decisions that affect their lives. They want their voices to be recognised and heard. They are willing to share, learn and work...if you are willing to share, learn and work with them. (“Youth Engagement Project”, The Social Planning Council of Winnipeg & The Centre of Excellence for Child and Youth Centred Prairie Communities, 2003, www.spcw.mb.ca.) This definition is the introduction of this guide written by the City of Calgary which showcases youth engagement practices as well as best practices for building a youth engagement strategy and measurement tools for youth engagement.</p> <p>Weblink: http://www.calgary.ca/docgallery/bu/cns/cys_guide.pdf</p>
<p>A guide to community development and capacity building</p>	<p>This Handbook by Flo Frank and Anne Smith (Human Resources Development Canada) is an introductory guide to community development and capacity building. It is designed primarily for those who have an interest in community development but who may not have an in-depth understanding of the concept, the process or the resources available across Canada. For those who already have knowledge and/or experience of community development, the Handbook offers a resource for reviewing the basics of the process and exploring or initiating community development. The guide includes definitions of basic terms, explanations of community development as a process and the most common challenges (and solutions) attached to community development.</p> <p>Weblink: http://www.sdc.gc.ca/asp/gateway.asp?hr=en/epb/sid/cia/comm_deve/handbook.shtml&hs=cyd</p>

MORE RESOURCES AND TOOLBOXES	
(articles, reports, events, books and workbooks, resources and organizations on the internet, consultants, service providers, etc.)	
The Canadian CED Network's toolbox	<p>This database is a source of information related to social economy and social enterprise, organized by language, format and year where it is also possible to do a research by title, organization, author or description.</p> <p>Weblink: http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca/?q=en/toolbox</p>
The social entrepreneur toolbox	<p>This "toolbox" of suggested resources is provided courtesy of Authenticity Consulting LLC of Minneapolis and Toronto. It is designed to introduce non-profit managers and leaders to the expanding field of social entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Weblink: http://www.csef.ca/documents/SEtoolbox.pdf</p>
Enterprising Non Profits	<p>Enterprising Non-Profits, is a unique partnership that promotes and supports social enterprise development and growth as a means to build strong non-profit organizations and healthier communities.</p> <p>Weblink: http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca/</p>
Social Enterprise Resource Database in BC	<p>The Social Enterprise Resource Database is a community economic development project sponsored by the Eastside Movement for Business and Economic Renewal Society (EMBERS) in Vancouver, BC. Its goal is to provide a convenient and comprehensive inventory of the many resources available to assist new social enterprise projects in Vancouver's downtown eastside.</p> <p>Weblink: http://www.dtes.ca/embers/Enterprise%20Resource%20Library%20online%20(student%20proj)/Models/ModelsCanada.htm</p>
Comité sectoriel de main-d'œuvre Économie sociale et Action communautaire	<p>Organisme à but non lucratif ayant pour mission de favoriser et de consolider la concertation et le partenariat afin de résoudre les problèmes de main-d'œuvre communs aux entreprises de l'économie sociale et aux organismes communautaires. Cet organisme a développé une boîte à outils. Les outils touchent à quatre grands axes d'intervention : la gestion des ressources humaines, la gouvernance démocratique, la gestion financière et les communications.</p> <p>Lien: http://www.csmoesac.qc.ca/outils/indicateurs.html</p>

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Understanding Social Enterprise	<p>The Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet) is a member-driven organization that seeks to increase the scale and effectiveness of community economic development (CED) - helping organizations and individuals strengthen their communities and create solutions to local needs.</p> <p>Weblink: http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca</p> <p>Le chantier de l'économie sociale (QUÉBEC) La principale mission du Chantier de l'économie sociale est de promouvoir l'économie sociale comme partie intégrante de la structure socio-économique du Québec et ce faisant, de faire reconnaître le caractère pluriel de notre économie. Le Chantier travaille ainsi à favoriser et à soutenir l'émergence, le développement et la consolidation d'entreprises et d'organismes d'économie sociale dans un ensemble de secteurs de l'économie. Ces entreprises collectives apportent une réponse originale aux besoins de leur communauté et créent des emplois durables.</p> <p>Lien: http://www.chantier.qc.ca/</p>
Starting a youth-led social enterprise	<p>EVA's Phoenix's Tool Kit: this toolkit was developed for groups and communities across the country, concerned about homeless and at-risk youth and how to help them to re-integrate into society. Although the kit is based on the experiences of Eva's Phoenix, it was created with flexibility and adaptability in mind - groups can use it to help guide and inform their own work as they respond to the unique needs and opportunities in their own communities. Whether a group is interested in one part of the Phoenix model, or the whole thing, the toolkit is intended to provide support in understanding and creating the vision, the mindset, the partnerships and conditions needed to develop similar initiatives.</p> <p>Weblink: http://www.evasinitiatives.com/EVAsToolKit/</p>
Business plan models	<p>The Guide for Analysis of Social Economy, Enterprises, Réseau d'investissement social du Québec (RISQ), 2005: The expertise acquired over years by actors and organizations specialized in financing social and solidarity economy in Quebec has now its English version. The guide is an important tool for advisors and analysts and is very well known by experts of solidarity finance. This guide provides a range of tools for analysis, evaluation and development of social economy businesses plans. It also approaches to accounting characteristics of NPOs and cooperatives.</p> <p>Weblink: http://www.fonds-risq.qc.ca/anniversaire.html</p>

Strategic Planning	<p>Community Strategic Planning Toolkit: This step-by-step strategic planning tool created by the Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund (NADF) is based on the Medicine Wheel in order to make it more culturally appropriate to Aboriginal communities. 17 clear steps are provided to guide the community through figuring out Where Are We Now, Where Do We Want To Go, How Do We Want To Get There, and Doing It.</p> <p>Source: CCEDNet</p>
Feasibility studies	<p>The Canadian Social Enterprise Guide, 2005: Developed by <i>Enterprising Non-profits</i>, this guide attempts to answer important questions, including; How can you tell if your group is ready to embark on a social enterprise? What are the steps in a social enterprise planning process? How do you identify and assess enterprise opportunities? How do you plan for a social enterprise? How can you measure social returns in a business setting? What do you need to know about the legal context? It is the first extensive and comprehensive published resource, tool kit, and collection of social enterprise stories.</p> <p>Weblink: http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca/the_guide/</p>
Networking and meeting young SE practitioners	<p>The Emerging Leaders Committee is a group of young people established within the Canadian CED Network, working to increase the number and quality of young practitioners entering CED - with the goal of building a national movement of youth who are passionate about the future of their communities.</p> <p>Weblink: www.ccednet-rcdec.ca/?q=en/node/4666</p>