

Research Update



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Providing Better Access to Research



One of the goals of the Edmonton Social Planning Council is to be a clearing-house of resources and information related to social issues in Edmonton.

A lot of you are asking for better access to research—you want to know what's out there, what else is being done in the sector, and who's doing it.

Hopefully, this monthly update can help to fill some of that void. This month's edition

is just a start. The purpose of this publication is to share information between organizations across the sector. It's about letting each other know about the projects that we're working on, and sharing information, insights, and published research in a proactive way.

This newsletter is also intended to provide a quick and easy overview of some of the cutting-edge, Canadian research that's taking place on the topics of poverty, social justice, housing, family & children, food security and income equality.

It would make this newsletter better if you would share the work that you're doing with

me, and insights into important research that's occurring. I'll include it in this newsletter, and share it with others.

I want your input, and feedback. Is this type of service useful to you? What types of information should it contain? Are you interested in summaries of key articles, or just titles?

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against poverty on this day.

This year, be one of them!

The Stand Up Against Poverty 2008 in Edmonton will be hosted at the University of Alberta Main Quad (the field at the very centre of the University of Alberta campus) starting at 11 am.

News and Updates

2008 Homeless Count in Edmonton

Homeward Trust Edmonton is recruiting for adult volunteers to help with a count of homeless persons on Tuesday, October 21, 2008.

This will be the 8th homeless count conducted in Edmonton. Anyone interested in volunteering for this important

initiative should contact Wendy Myshak at (780) 944-5697, or by email at count@homewardtrust.ca by Friday, October 10, 2008.

Stand Up Against Poverty 2008

October 17th is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Last year 43.7 million people stood up

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New Resources in the ESPC Library—Periodicals

The CCPA Monitor – analysis and news by various authors (Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, July-August 2008)

Policy Options – features articles by a variety of authors on Quebec: language, culture and politics; also land claims, Arctic sovereignty, and climate change (Institute for Research on Public Policy, July-August 2008).

Perspectives on Labour and Income – Articles by a variety of authors on in-

come polarization, retirement, life after teenage motherhood, and low-income children (Statistics Canada, Summer 2008).

Alberta Sweetgrass – newspaper articles include actions targeting gangs, North American Indigenous Games, off-reserve housing, arts, culture, education (Aboriginal Multi-media Society, August 2008).

Alberta Views – features articles on post-secondary education in

addition to regular columns (September 2008).

Food Bank Network Newsmagazine – first edition of quarterly newsletter features articles on food security and issues affecting food banks in Alberta (Alberta Food Bank Network Association, Fall 2008).

Measuring the Progress of Societies newsletter

Housing

Finding our Way Home: A report on the homelessness crisis in British Columbia. Report by David Chudnovsky (BC NDP Caucus, 2008). *Also see bhomelessness.blogspot.com*

Documentation of Best Practices Addressing Homelessness. Report by Luba Serge (CMHC, 1999).

Homelessness, Housing, and Harm Reduction: Stable Housing for Homeless People with Substance Use Issues. Report by Deborah Kraus, Luba Serge, Michael Goldberg, Social Planning and Research Council of BC (CMHC, 2005).

Individual Landlord Survey. Report by Arcturus

Solutions (CMHC, 2005).

Rental Market Report – Alberta Highlights. (CMHC, Spring 2008).

Housing Now – Edmonton CMA. (CMHC, June 2008)

CMHC Research Highlights reports:

●2006 Census Housing Series: Issue 1 – Demographics and Housing Construction (January 2008)

●Impacts of the Aging of the Canadian Population on Housing and Communities (February 2008)

●Understanding the Status of Visitability in Canada (May 2008)

●Adapting Homes to Extend Independence: Case study of

13 frail seniors in Quebec City suburbs (May 2008)

●Life Cycle Costing Tool for Community Infrastructure Planning (May 2008)

●Community Indicators for an Aging Population (July 2008)

●Giving Pedestrians an Edge – Using Street Layout to Influence Transportation Choice (July 2008)

WHAT TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS OR RESEARCH RESOURCES ARE MOST USEFUL TO YOUR ORGANIZATION?

Environment & Sustainable Communities

Size Matters: Canada's Ecological Footprint, by Income. Report by Hugh Mackenzie, Hans Messinger and Rick Smith (CCPA, June 2008).

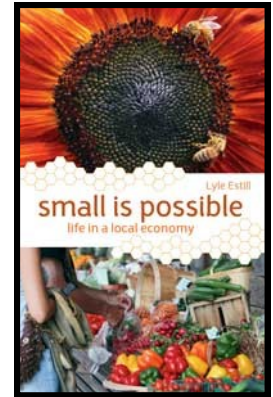
Provincial Power Play: Breaking away from Federal Inaction on Climate Change. Report by Dave Marshall (David Suzuki Foundation,

2008).

Small is Possible: life in a local economy. Book by Lyle Estill, 2008.

Indicators of Healthy and Vibrant Communities Roundtable: a primer. Report by Canadian Policy Research Networks, 2008.

Toward Sustainable Communities: Resources for Citizens and their Governments, 2nd edition. Book by Mark Roseland, 2005.



Feature Article: Homelessness, Housing, and Harm Reduction

Stable Housing for Homeless People with Substance Use Issues

Report by Deborah Kraus, Luba Serge, Michael Goldberg, Social Planning and Research Council of BC

Published by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 2005. Order a free copy or PDF download at www.cmhc.ca

“Perhaps the most significant issues that emerges from this study is the degree of success that can be achieved with the housing first approach. The case studies in this report who that most people who are homeless, even if they have substance use issues and concurrent disorders, can be successfully housed directly from the street if they are given the right supports when they want them. If the goal is to end homelessness, the results of this study make it clear that for many people who are homeless, a “housing first” approach would make this possible.

“What is especially significant in the findings from these case studies is that if solutions can be found for this population—those with complex needs and who have the longest history of living on the streets—then perhaps key elements that distinguish the case studies, such as housing first or a client-centred approach, can be applied to address the needs of other people who are homeless—people who are newer to homelessness and who are not confronted by the multitude of problems that persons described in this report deal with on a daily basis.”

Other Publications

Alliances, Coalitions and Partnerships: Building Collaborative Organizations. Book by Joan M. Roberts, 2004.

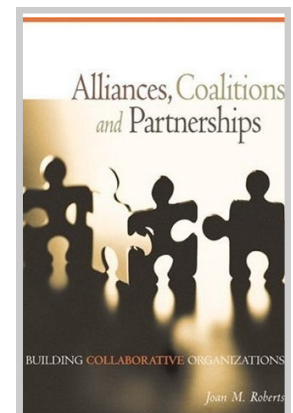
Making Change Happen – Power: Concepts for Revisioning Power for Justice, Equality, and Peace. Report by Just Associates, 2006.

Crimes against Aboriginal Women: final report. Report by Jo-Ann Daniels (Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women, 2006).

What Women Want: Gender Differences in Public Opinion and Political Engagement in Western Canada. Report by

Janine Marshall-Giles (Canada West Foundation, August 2008).

The Solution. CD-ROM produced by the Youth Restorative Action Project, 2005.



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Feature Book: *Small is Possible*

Life in Local Economy

By author Lyle Estill, published by New Society Books, 2008. Available to read in the ESPC Library.

"In an era when incomprehensibly complex issues like Peak Oil and Climate Change dominate headlines, practical solutions at a local level can seem somehow inadequate.

"In response, Lyle Estill's

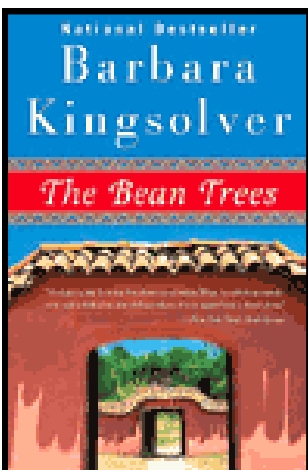
Small is Possible introduces us to "hometown security," with this chronicle of a community-powered response to resource depletion in a fickle global economy. True stories, springing from the soils of Chatham County, North Carolina, offer a positive counterbalance to the bleakness of our age.

"This is the story of how one small southern US town found actual solutions to actual problems.

Unwilling to rely on government and wary of large corporations, these residents discovered it is possible for a community to feed itself, fuel itself, heal itself and govern itself.

"Everyone interested in sustainability, local economy, small business, and whole foods will be inspired by the success stories in this book."

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The Edmonton Social Planning Council has started a Book Club!!

So far we've read *My Home Street Home* by Edmonton author Val Stevens, and *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.

Join us on Thursday, October 30th at 5:30pm when we discuss *The Bean Trees*, by Barbara Kingsolver.

Find out more on our website, www.edmontonsocialplanning.ca, under Resource Library and Links.