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Building Resilient Communities through *Sustainability* Education

Tuesday October 20, 2009

REGISTRATION 8:00am outside of Room M19

LOCATION: Room M19 | Vancouver Convention Centre ("Under the Sails" - the East Building) @999 Canada Place

- 8.30am Welcome & Workshop Overview: Jennie Moore, BCIT
- 8.40am **Green Collar Jobs: Planning for the Future:** Chris Frye, Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources
The Case for Sustainability Education in Tough Economic Times: John English, School of Construction & the Environment, BCIT
- 9.00am **Leveraging our Knowledge:** Who is in the room?
- 9.10am *Travel to ballroom for keynote address with Gaining Ground Conference*
- 9.15am **The City and the Resilient Future:** Paul Hawken
- 10.00am *BREAK with the Gaining Ground Conference Delegates - return to meeting room M19 afterward.*
- 10.30am **The Sustainability Education Movement:** Paul Rowland, Executive Director, AASHE
Paul will showcase groundbreaking, game-changing, transformative solutions emerging in post secondary institutions that can help us deal with the enormous collective challenges we face as a society.
- 11.35am **Faculty Development Programs: Building Institutional Capacity for Sustainability Education**
John McDonald, BCIT & Yona Sipos, UBC
- 12.10pm **LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION**
What are the different methods, models and mechanisms needed to support professional development? How can we expand administrative support for sustainability education across the disciplines? What are the benefits and drawbacks of a multi-campus workshop for faculty on integrating sustainability issues into curricula?
- 12.30pm *LUNCH*
- 1.30pm **The Co-Creation of Sustainability Research with the Community: *The Vancouver Island Community Research Alliance Model*** Budd Hall, UVic, Jennifer Mullett, VIU

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The Community Classroom: Experiential & Collaborative Learning Case Studies

1.55pm **The Redfish School of Change**: Nadine Raynolds, GreenLearning Canada & Eric Higgs, UVic

2.25pm **Sustainable Community Development: The Leadership Challenge™**: Zoe MacLeod, RRU & Rick Kool, RRU

2.55pm **INTIMATE GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

Assuming sustainability education how can we connect the classroom to the community to help achieve local, regional and provincial goals? How can we support graduates in taking sustainability knowledge into their careers? What are the elements that are required for a successful program focused on sustainable community development?

3.15pm **8 Provincial Action Themes for Advancing Sustainability Education**: Janet Moore, SFU & Walking the Talk

3.30pm **THE TOOLS & PARTNERSHIPS WE NEED**

Four simultaneous, separate groups will each tackle a distinct thematic area. These highly participatory sessions will allow us to discuss existing solutions, promising models, and new ideas for meeting our challenges in more depth.

BUILDING THE MOMENTUM -- Developing, expanding and spreading environmental and social justice curricula throughout the higher educational system.

DIMENSIONS OF LEADERSHIP -- How can colleges and universities lead in and with their communities? How can campuses prepare students to become tomorrow's green leaders?

EDUCATION FOR ACTION: How to mobilize student and civic energy -- including through project-based learning, service learning, and activism. What is the role of student-led initiatives?

HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE GREEN ECONOMY -- how can we better translate information, research and knowledge into our BC Communities to help transition to the green economy?

4.15pm **Open Space reporting and action identification**

5.00pm **Closing**: Delegates can adjourn to the Gaining Ground Conference Reception for networking and a no-host bar.



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