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**Call for Expressions of Interest Due: Friday, July 3, 2015**

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**About Learning Initiatives for Rural and Northern BC (LIRN BC)**

LIRN BC is a collaborative approach to building on the capacities of rural, remote and Northern British Columbian communities. The LIRN BC process encourages local government, provincial, federal, First Nations, non-government organizations (community-based, regional and provincial) and businesses to work together to plan, deliver and evaluate a locally relevant learning initiative. LIRN BC is made possible through a partnership of government and non-government organizations that recognize the strengths and challenges of rural, remote and Northern BC communities.

LIRN BC can bring trainers and facilitators to your community to deliver a learning event for residents. Select the topic of the event from the choices below and tell us why this is important in the form below.

The support offered by LIRN BC generally includes: event planning, workshop and/or dialogue design, facilitation, training, and reporting services that are related to each learning event. The community (through a local steering committee) is expected to help with planning, marketing, providing a venue, and providing catering if needed (this can be through charging admission). LIRN BC does not provide direct funding or cash.

The current LIRN BC partners are:

* Alzheimer Society of B.C.
* Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC.
* BC Centre for Employment Excellence.
* BC Healthy Communities (PlanH Program).
* Community Social Planning Council (Victoria).
* Fraser Basin Council (Integrated Community Sustainability Planning).
* IK Barber Learning Centre UBC.
* Leave Out Violence (LOVE).
* PeerNetBC.
* SPARC BC.
* Vantage Point.
* Volunteer BC.
* YouthCo.

These partners have combined their expertise and resources to facilitate community learning and collaboration in rural and northern communities. The content and format for a LIRN BC event takes shape through discussions between the LIRN BC partners and the local community. In order to help you develop a focus for your event, the LIRN BC partners have developed a diverse list of learning topics from which you can select a limited number of options that are most appropriate for your development needs and interests.

Additionally, all successful applicants are expected to support the LIRN BC process by establishing a local steering committee that can help plan and deliver the event. These groups support the LIRN BC lead in planning and delivering the event, as well as contributing to logistical support such as recruiting participants and identifying appropriate local facilities.

**Successful applicants are expected to contribute to the cost of food and venue wherever applicable. LIRN BC does not provide direct funding or cash.**

**Who Can Apply?**

LIRN BC will partner with non-profit organizations, First Nations, local/regional governments who:

* Are located in a rural, remote and/or Northern region of BC – rural is defined as communities that are below about 25,000 in population and beyond regular commuting distance from a larger centre.
* Can demonstrate support or partnership within the community (including coordination to avoid multiple applications from the same community);
* Can demonstrate local need for the learning event.
* Can articulate anticipated outcomes for a LIRN BC event in their community.
* Groups of communities can also apply that are close together or have the potential to use video conferencing facilities or other long-distance communication methods.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in the opportunities offered by LIRN BC. All applications will be reviewed and prioritized by the LIRN BC partners in accordance with an objective list of criteria, which will be organized according to the following themes:

1. Community Location.
2. Organizational Profile.
3. Community Support.
4. Community Interests, Issues, Assets and Anticipated Outcomes.

The LIRN BC partners will try to provide learning events to as many of the applicants as possible within our budgets.

***- EOI Deadline: Friday, July 3, 2015 -***

**Please do not exceed the provided space of the Application Section of the EOI.**

**Return the Application Section only (pages 15 to 21 of this document)   
as a Word document by email to** [**jsands@sparc.bc.ca**](mailto:jsands@sparc.bc.ca)**.**

**Official deadline is Friday, July 3, 2015 at 5:00 pm.**

# About the LIRN BC Partners

**Alzheimer Society of B.C.**

In 1981, a group of caregivers gathered to discuss the challenges of caring for a person diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Out of their compassion and determination, the Society was ultimately founded. From those humble roots, the Society has blossomed into an organization active in communities across the province. Today, the Alzheimer Society of B.C. exists to alleviate the personal and social consequences of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, to promote public awareness and to search for the causes and the cure.

**Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC**

Created in 1894, the Association of Neighbourhood Houses of BC (ANHBC) is one of British Columbia’s oldest social service organizations. We operate seven neighbourhood houses and an outdoor camp. We are a volunteer-driven community service agency. Our goal is to enable people to embrace their lives, to strengthen neighbourhoods and to make them better places to live. We do this by building skills, knowledge and resources at the community level and by providing innovative programming to individuals and families of all ages, abilities and nationalities. For more information about ANHBC, visit [www.anhbc.org](http://www.anhbc.org).

**BC Centre for Employment Excellence**

The BC Centre for Employment Excellence was established in 2012 with the mandate “to enhance the knowledge and development needs of the employment services sector and the employer community in BC on issues related to employment programs and practices.” It is an independent research and knowledge sharing organization that tests innovative approaches in employment and training and promotes the implementation of promising programs and practices, including those that support its four populations of interest; Aboriginal People, Immigrants, People with Disabilities and Youth.

**BC Healthy Communities (Plan H Program)**

[BC Healthy Communities Society](http://bchealthycommunities.ca/) (BCHC) provides services, programs, and resources to support multi-sectoral collaboration and engagement for creating healthy and resilient communities. BCHC is a province-wide, not-for-profit organization. Part of the World Health Organization’s [Healthy Communities/Healthy Cities movement](http://www.who.int/healthpromotion/conferences/previous/jakarta/statements/healthy_cities/en/index.html), BCHC was established in 2005, and works with communities around BC.

The PlanH program, a partnership between BC Healthy Communities Society and Healthy Families BC, supports local government engagement and partnerships across sectors for creating healthier communities. Recognizing that community policy, plans, and decisions affect health and well-being, PlanH provides learning opportunities, resources, and leading-edge practices for collaborative local action.

**Community Social Planning Council (Victoria)**

The Community Social Planning Council has been in existence since 1936 as a non-profit, non-partisan and charitable social planning society. The Council has served as the incubator for a number of well-established organizations in this region, including the United Way of Greater Victoria, Volunteer Victoria and the Bridges for Women Society.

The purpose of the Society is to improve the quality of life for everyone in British Columbia’s Capital Region, particularly the people who are disadvantaged due to poverty and distress. The work includes the advancement of factors influencing quality of life, including social well-being, community health and education and the alleviation of poverty and its related elements.

**Fraser Basin Council (Integrated Community Sustainability Planning)**

The Fraser Basin Council (FBC) focuses on advancing sustainability throughout the province of BC, with a focus on the Fraser River Basin. The long-term vision of the FBC is to ensure that the British Columbia is a place where social well-being is supported by a vibrant economy and sustained by a healthy environment – a true reflection of sustainability.

Since it was established in 1997, the FBC has played a key leadership role in helping to resolve conflicts, educate the public about sustainability and take advantage of opportunities to advance understanding of and commitment to sustainability. For more information visit [www.fraserbasin.bc.ca](http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca).

**Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC**

The [Irving K. Barber Learning Centre](http://www.ikebarberlearningcentre.ubc.ca/) is part of the UBC Library system.  It’s a multi-purpose facility on Vancouver’s UBC campus where a small team connects and collaborates with other agencies of all kinds.  As stated in our charter, we aim to enhance “access to information, knowledge, and innovative teaching through the support of learning and research on an interactive basis with people in British Columbia”.

In order to leverage the resources of our team we look for alignments with our mandate and our ongoing programs.  In the context of the LIRN BC collaboration the closest alignments are in three areas:

1. Access to [Open UBC Learning Resources](http://www.ikebarberlearningcentre.ubc.ca/programs/open-access-resources/) − In eight disciplines including Forestry, Science & Engineering, Medicine and Education.
2. [UBC Library Digital Collections](http://digitalcollections.library.ubc.ca/cdm/) − Collectively they document a diverse range of people and places, activities and events, and serve as a resource for students, historians, genealogists, and other researchers.
3. The [Small Business Accelerator](http://www.sba-bc.ca/) (SBA) program − a reliable resource for sector-specific research, market exploration, and business management.  As part of the SBA we provide access to the Gale Business Plan Handbook for all public libraries in BC.

**Leave Out Violence (LOVE) Society of BC**

Leave Out Violence (LOVE) Society BC is youth-driven, provincially registered non-profit society and federally registered charity. Established in 2001, LOVE BC is part of an international network of LOVE organizations primarily based in North America. LOVE’s mission is to break the cycle of violence in the lives of young people and in our communities by building a team of youth leaders who communicate a message of non-violence. LOVE uses a unique media arts and leadership based program to support youth begin to examine issues of violence they face, and to explore tools for dealing with their experiences. Participants have identified that the program ensured that they had a chance to actively participate in a non-traditional educational setting, with one youth expressing, “this isn’t like other presentations where people just talk at us.” For more information, visit [www.leaveoutviolencebc.com](http://www.leaveoutviolencebc.com/) or the international digital broadcast at [www.lovewired.org](http://www.lovewired.org/).

**PeerNetBC**

PeerNetBC provides training, information and resources for strengthening peer support groups and peer-led initiatives throughout BC, fostering opportunities for people to learn from each other and to make new connections in their communities. People with strong connections to others have improved health and communities where people are connected are healthier places to live.

PeerNetBC programs include capacity-building workshops on group development and group facilitation, information and resources for facilitators and group leaders, curriculum development for organizations that develop and support peer-led groups, youth and community engagement, inclusion, power and diversity. For more information about PeerNetBC visit [www.peernetbc.com](http://www.peernetbc.com/).

**SPARC BC (Community Development Education Program)**

SPARC BC, a registered non-profit society and a federally registered charity, was established in 1966 and is a leader in research, public education and advocacy regarding issues of community development, accessibility, and income security. SPARC BC is a provincial organization with over 15,000 members and is governed by a Board of Directors from across BC. SPARC BC’s mission is to work with communities in building a just and healthy society for all.

The Community Development Education Program is one of our methods for realizing our mission. The Community Development Education Program aims to empower individuals and organizations by providing them with learning opportunities to identify local assets and issues, build local knowledge and develop skills and action-plans that contribute to effecting local consensus-oriented change. The curriculum resources and facilitation services of the Community Development Education Program are available to communities through the LIRN BC process. For more information about SPARC BC and the Community Development Education Program, please visit [www.sparc.bc.ca](http://www.sparc.bc.ca).

**Vantage Point**

Building on more than 70 years as a not-for-profit, Vantage Point convenes, connects and equips sector leaders – executive directors, board directors, and senior managers – through interactive learning and professional development that is immediately applicable. Dedicated volunteer industry leaders and facilitators deliver most of Vantage Point’s programs, supporting the sector with an abundance of expertise and knowledge. With our focus on the strengths and opportunities of the not-for-profit sector, Vantage Point is lifting the capacity of our clients, building a network of generative leaders, and transforming not-for-profit leadership. Visit thevantagepoint.ca.

**Volunteer BC**

For over 30 years, Volunteer BC has been the provincial leader in promoting the value and impact of volunteerism and enhancing the abilities of volunteer-involving organizations. Volunteer BC mobilizes the collaborative spirit, expertise and energy of all participants in the volunteerism movement to build a better British Columbia. The Volunteer BC membership includes two strong and expansive networks that are at the centre of all aspects of the volunteer experience and that are capable of reaching almost every volunteer in the province. Over 30 volunteer centres province wide form our primary network. They are local catalysts of community involvement, act as clearinghouses of resources to connect individuals to volunteer opportunities, and provide support to local and grassroots organizations in involving volunteers.

Volunteer BC is also a founder of the Voluntary Organizations Consortium of BC (VOCBC), a convening network with a broad membership, provincial and national connections, and extensive knowledge of the sector. Consortium members (over 30 organizations and counting) are provincial in scope and involve volunteers in a variety of areas, including sport, recreation, the arts, health, education, and social services, to name a few.

**YouthCO**

YouthCO HIV and Hep C Society is a youth-run organization that has been providing peer-lead education for 18 years. We facilitate workshops developed by and for youth that are accessible, engaging, and participatory. Our peer-education programs use a variety of approaches to engage youth from different populations including, trivia games, interactive storytelling, arts-based media, and experiential education. Our highly trained youth facilitators lead young people in discussions about topics such as HIV, Hep C, safer sex, self-esteem, drug use, social justice, personal values, decolonization, and healthy relationships. For more information about YouthCO, visit [www.youthco.org](http://www.youthco.org).

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| **LIRN BC Partners’ Workshop Topics** | |
| **Topic** | **Description** |
| **1. Knowing which Way the Wind Blows: Getting Indicators to Work for Your Community** | How can your community develop and use indicators in community learning, planning and action programs? This workshop helps show the way. Participants in this workshop will:   * Acquire knowledge of key concepts used to discuss indicators and indicator monitoring projects. * Develop an awareness of indicator sources and resources for ongoing learning about indicators and indicator projects (i.e., vital signs, etc.). * Gain an understanding of one community-based method for designing and implementing a community indicator monitoring project that involves the public and is linked to action strategies. |
| **2. Knowledge is Power: Producing Community-Based Participatory Research** | Communities can be and should be directly involved in creating research about local issues that matter to local people. This workshop provides participants with:   * Knowledge about the theory, practice, ethics and examples of community-based participatory research. * Knowledge of qualitative and quantitative data collection methods and analytical tools. * Skills to create research questions and a related research, analysis and knowledge transfer plan. |
| **3. Working Together: Building Respectful and Effective Aboriginal/Non-Aboriginal Relationships** | Meaningful, respectful engagement between local government, First Nations and community based organizations has been identified as essential to relationships in rural and northern BC communities. Participants in this workshop will:   * Begin with a recognition exercise as the basis for effective intercultural work between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples. * Participate in joint visioning processes. * Have an opportunity to begin to understand local and First Nation governance structures and planning processes. * Study BC examples of collaborative approaches to organizing and implementing intercultural projects * Explore next steps for local work between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples. |
| **4. Traction for Social Action: How to Create a Strategic Social Development Plan** | Most BC communities include diverse government and non-government agencies who are working to build a strong local social safety net and related preventative initiatives. For leaders in social development sectors who feel that their community is moving in many different directions but not creating positive change in any one area, the development of a strategic social plan can help. In this workshop, participants will:   * Understand the components of a strategic social development plan, as well as the benefits and challenges of creating and implementing such plans. * Gain knowledge about a twelve-step process for creating a social development plan. * Engage in exercises that start the process of creating a social development plan for their community. |
| **5. Engaging Youth in Community Organizations** | PeerNetBC’s workshop brings youth and/or youth service providers together to learn about meaningful youth engagement tools and strategies for sharing power with youth.  We base our work on 3 key elements of peer support – gathering together as equals, respecting knowledge gained from experience, and valuing reciprocity. The highly interactive workshops use shared and experiential learning approaches.  PeerNetBC will customize the workshop to meet a community’s particular needs. See our website at [www.peernetbc.com](http://www.peernetbc.com/) for more youth leadership development ideas. |

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| **6. Making Space for Everyone: Toward an Accessible Community** | By participating in this workshop participants will:   * Understand the theory and practice of accessibility. * Gain knowledge about how to conduct an accessibility audit of their community and how to create strategies for increasing awareness of the importance of accessibility. * Gain knowledge about and engage in dialogue regarding accessible living, transportation, building design, technology, signage, etc. |
| **7. Pathways of Community Social Planning: Principles, Governance Models and Methods** | Community Social Planning (CSP) is a local, democratic system for setting priorities, arriving at equitable compromises and taking action. It supports community needs and interests in social, cultural, economic, and environmental affairs. In this workshop, participants will:   * Understand the principles and activities inherent in community social planning, and understand different governance structures for community social planning. * Understand the organizational life cycle of community social planning councils (CSPC), and know how to establish and develop a CSPC. * Gain knowledge of community social planning methods and case studies of different methods. |
| **8. Participatory Budgeting: Strengthening our Democratic Process Together** | Participatory budgeting was first utilized in Brazil in 1989 has since spread to over 1,500 locations around the world where community members are directly involved in spending decisions regarding public money. Participatory budgeting was first applied to local governments, but has also been used by academic institutions, First Nations and non-profit organizations.  This workshop is intended to introduce the principles of participatory budgeting and will include the following topics:   * Overview of participatory budgeting. * Case studies from BC and around the world. * Getting started with participatory budgeting in your community. |
| **9. Every Community is Unique – Designing a Meaningful Process for Community Sustainability Planning** | This workshop provides an introduction to community sustainability planning: what it is, why it is valuable and how a community can begin a sustainability planning process. Discussion will focus on making sustainability planning fit your community’s situation and needs; concrete steps that communities can undertake to get started on their own sustainability process; examples and lessons learned from throughout BC; and a listing of tools and resources that can support your efforts. |
| **10. Your Voice and Public Policy: How to Participate in Shaping Public Policy** | You have the right to be involved in setting the agenda for public policy matters that affect your life. In this workshop, participants will:   * Understand the roles and responsibilities of different levels of government in Canada. * Understand different strategies for participating in public policy formation. * Identify the key players in locally relevant public policy areas and begin developing policy positions on key issues. * Gain the skills to create a local strategy to engage in policy dialogue with political leaders and government officials in selected policy areas. |
| **11. Navigating Times of Change: How to Lead Strategic Planning for Nonprofit Organizations** | This workshop is for organizational leaders who want to:   * Understand the theory and practice of effective strategic planning, and learn about examples of strategic planning processes of non-profit organizations. * Develop the skills and knowledge to lead a strategic planning process. |
| **12. Investing in Communities** | This workshop will explore best practices and models in community investment and community economic development. Participants will explore their community’s possibilities for:   * Community investment vehicles to attract financing in affordable housing and locally owned enterprises. * Community economic development strategies to strengthen sustainable jobs. * Social enterprises for employment and economic development. |
| **13. Poverty Reduction and Prevention** | This workshop will share lessons learned from across Canada in creating community poverty reduction strategies, including:   * Engaging and educating people. * Economic empowerment and literacy. * Municipal leadership. * Options for business. * Access to services. * Measuring progress. |
| **14. New Directions for Non-Profit Organizations** | The focus of this workshop is to explore ways of creating a common focus and understanding of the different organizations that make up the non-profit sector in BC and help promote innovation with a focus on working to build capacity as well as strengthen and enhance the role, impact and contribution of the sector.  This workshop will focus on 3 components:   * Risk Management - provide practical strategies on how to incorporate risk management into your organization and everyday Volunteer Management duties. * Criminal Record Checks - Learn about changes to the Criminal Records Review processes and more about how the Ministry of Justice Criminal Records Review differs from the local police department Criminal Record Check, and how to best meet your organization's needs. * New Directions - Learn about the New Directions Project and the regional and provincial results of the BC Non-Profits Survey conducted by SPARC BC. Non-profits are pivotal to our quality of life and economy, but the role and contribution of non-profits is often not well understood both within the sector and in the community. Help build a shared understanding of the contribution of your organization, and the value and impact of non-profits in your community, region and province. |
| **15. Culturally Welcoming Volunteer Programs** | For many agencies, volunteer programs are an essential ingredient in their ability to provide a wide range of services to the community. On a practical level, volunteers allow agencies to stretch their resources and accomplish their goals.  The Culturally Welcoming Volunteer Program (CWVP) was developed to support the implementation of culturally welcoming volunteer programs in organizations in communities throughout British Columbia.  The program is intended to provide participating community agencies and their staff with an enhanced capacity to create and sustain welcoming and inclusive volunteer programs, meaningful volunteer opportunities and culturally competent volunteer management practices.  This program is designed to support Coordinators of Volunteers, Executive Directors and Boards to create welcoming and inclusive environments for all volunteers and potential volunteers with particular attention to immigrants new to volunteering in BC.  Included are:   * A pre-assessment and consultation to tailor the workshop to the organization’s needs. * General knowledge of community and government programs, trends, information, contacts and services available to/for/from diverse populations. * General knowledge regarding diversity across BC and Canada. * Sharing the tools and learning experiences from Building Welcoming Communities Projects operating across the Lower Mainland of BC. * Building cultural competence in organizations. |
| **16. Capacity Building in the Employment Sector** | Since the BC Centre for Employment Excellence Launched in 2012, we have heard from many practitioners across the province. These conversations helped inform the types of resources, activities, research and training available from the Centre.  In this workshop, participants will:   * Find out more about the Centre and some of its resources, tools and training opportunities, including a resource on developing effective partnerships. * Participate in a training session on customized employment (CE), delivered by experts in the field. Learn some of the CE techniques that make it a best practice for working with people with disabilities and from other vulnerable groups to secure sustained employment. |
| **17. Sharing and Exchanging: Promoting Research into Practice** | Innovations in social services programming are popping up all over the province. At the BC Centre for Employment Excellence, we are always looking to hear about what’s happening in the employment field and find opportunities to share some of the innovative research projects we are partnering on.  In this workshop, participants will:   * Learn about some of the innovations on employment practices happening in the BC and other jurisdictions. * Share and exchange in a discussion on innovative and promising practices in the sector: What are some of the innovative practices at your workplace? What is currently happening and what are some ideas that might be worth testing? * Learn more about the following innovations being tested by the Centre and its partners:   + Motivational Interviewing (MI): Originally applied in the addictions field, MI is a promising approach now being tested in the employment field.   + One-on-one Mentorship: The first ever one-on-one mentorship program designed specifically for career development practitioners is taking place right here in BC.   + Business Process Management: Organically developed by leaders in BC’s non-profit sector, *Biz Hub* is a hybrid of the community of practice and facilitated approach models to improve business practices and client outcomes. |
| **18. Skills for Effective Grassroots Groups** | PeerNetBC workshops are designed to improve skills required for effective peer-led community groups, including neighbourhood and community associations, peer support groups, co-ops, community project teams, youth groups, and many others.  We base our work on 3 key elements of peer support – gathering together as equals, respecting knowledge gained from experience, and valuing reciprocity. Our interactive workshops are based on shared learning and experiential learning principles.  PeerNetBC will design a one-day workshop to build skills based on your group’s needs that will help your group work together more effectively and tailor it to meet your community’s particular needs. Topic areas may include power dynamics, inclusion, collaborative decision-making, group problem-solving, basic project management, grassroots outreach, and many others. See our website at [www.peernetbc.com](http://www.peernetbc.com/) for more group leadership development ideas. |
| **19. UBC and Your Community: Accessing Information and Support from BC’s Largest University (IKBLC)** | The University of BC has a strong focus on community engagement.  Building respectful relationships between communities and UBC is core to the university’s mission and foundational to excellent teaching, learning and research.  This workshop highlights the resources and expertise that UBC can offer to communities as part of local efforts that are focused on building capacity for intellectual, social, cultural, and economic development through the sharing of knowledge and experience.  It will include a practical guide and “roadmap” to help communities connect with UBC partners on topics that are important at the local and grassroots level.  *(Both an in-person and an online version of this workshop are planned, subject to available staffing and operational resources* |
| **20. Dementia Friends Workshop** | This web-based workshop will help you learn how to recognize signs of memory problems and how best to support people with dementia you meet in your community. We can all play a role in making our community a great place to live for people with dementia! This education is a “dementia 101,” a basic introduction aimed at a general public audience.  The Dementia Friends workshop covers the following:   * Brief introduction to the Alzheimer Society of B.C., and dementia in B.C. * What are dementia-friendly communities? * Brief introduction to dementia, common myths, and signs of the disease. * Practical communication tips.   If you are a caregiver or person living with dementia looking for information or assistance please call the First Link® Dementia Helpline at 1-800-936-6033. |
| **21. Your Topic** | You can choose to write your own workshop description. LIRN BC will try to accommodate your request if the topic fits within a partner’s scope. |

# APPLICATION SECTION (Please complete and return this section only as a Word Document by July 3, 2015 to [jsands@sparc.bc.ca](mailto:jsands@sparc.bc.ca))

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| **Community Location** |
| Which community, or communities, would be involved in the LIRN BC event? What is the population? |

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| **Applicant’s Organizational Profile** |
| Organization’s Name: |
| Contact Information: |
| Organization’s Mission and/or activities relevant to organizing learning events: |

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| **Community Support and Community Issues** |
| **Community Support**  Which local organizations have you contacted that are willing and able to support and participate in a LIRN BC event in your community? We are supportive of workshops that are inclusive of different organizations in the community including representatives from the social, economic, cultural, recreation, and environmental sectors, as well as population specific groups such as youth, seniors, Aboriginal Peoples, immigrants/newcomers, etc..    Organization name contact phone email    Organization name contact phone email    Organization name contact phone email    Organization name contact phone email    Organization name contact phone email |

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| **Community Issues**  Identify up to three issues facing your community and how they relate to the topic/s you have chosen from the list below. |
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| **Select Up to Three Workshop topics (full descriptions of these topics are above starting on page 8.)**  Please **select up to three workshop topics** from the list below **and rank them in order of priority**. The topics are grouped under five themes to help in your selection.  LIRN BC partners will work with your organization and a local steering committee to try to best meet your community’s learning needs as expressed by your issues above and the topics you choose. We will try our best to accommodate your first preference but we can’t fully guarantee that since some partners have limitations on the number of workshops they can offer in a year. |
| I. Getting community leaders to understand and use information about the community and the region to make strategic decisions.  □ 1. Knowing which Way the Wind Blows: Getting Indicators to Work for Your Community  □ 2. Knowledge is Power: Producing Community-Based Participatory Research  II. Organizations (service clubs) and institutions (local government, hospitals, schools, churches) and Aboriginal organizations in our community work together.  □ 3. Working Together: Building Respectful and Effective Aboriginal/Non-Aboriginal Relationships  □ 4. Traction for Social Action: How to Create a Strategic Social Development Plan  □ 5. Engaging Youth in Community Organizations  III. Our traditional institutions (local government, schools, churches, businesses, etc.) are action oriented and responsive to the needs of the people who live here.  □ 6. Making Space for Everyone: Toward an Accessible Community.  □ 7. Pathways of Community Social Planning: Principles, Governance Models and Methods  □ 8. Participatory Budgeting: Strengthening our Democratic Process Together  IV. Local government and community organizations carefully plan for the future through better resource utilization.  □ 9. Every Community is Unique - Designing a Meaningful Process for Community Sustainability Planning  □ 10. Your Voice and Public Policy: How to Participate in Shaping Public Policy  □ 11. Navigating Times of Change: How to Lead Strategic Planning for Nonprofit Organizations  □ 12. Investing in Communities  □ 13. Poverty Reduction and Prevention  □ 14. New Directions for Non-Profit Organizations  □ 15. Culturally Welcoming Volunteer Programs  □ 16. Capacity Building in the Employment Sector  □ 17. Sharing and Exchanging: Promoting Research into Practice  V. Community members have opportunities to strengthen individual skills.  □ 18. Skills for Effective Grassroots Groups  □ 19. UBC and Your Community: Accessing Information and Support from BC’s Largest University  □ 20. Dementia Friends Workshop  □ 21. Your topic: *Please attach a description*  VI. *PlanH* workshops to support *the development of* healthy communities. (NOTE: **LIRN BC is not offering BC Healthy Communities (PlanH) workshops for this round.** Watch <http://planh.ca/> for updated information on PlanH activities.) |
| **Community Assets**  Identify the different organizations and/or groups you would like to see in attendance at your LIRN BC event? Please identify organizations that were not previously listed. |
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| What resources can you provide towards the workshop – i.e. in-kind time from local planning committee, venue for the event, publicity, catering, etc.? |
| **Anticipated Outcomes** |
| What outcomes do you anticipate from the LIRN BC event(s)? Your explanation should include actions that local partners can take and should include ‘change’ words, such as: increased... decreased... enhanced... diminished... strengthened... weakened…, etc.  What type of markers of success will you use to know that a change has occurred in your community partly due to the LIRN BC event? Key words for describing your markers of success include: extent to which…, level of satisfaction..., quality of…, number of…etc. |

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**Return the application section only - pages 15 - 21 of this document – as a Word document.**

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