

Connecting
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UPDATES

Directory of Organizations

The Cabot Loop Clusters Project has compiled a directory containing an alphabetical listing of organizations in the Cabot Loop. Contact information on each group along with a list of main activities for each organization is provided. The directory will be made available to volunteer and non-profit groups in the Cabot Loop area in the near future. Look for your organization in the directory! Organizations will be able to update information by completing an update sheet contained in the directory.

Skills Inventory Pilot

A pilot project to identify the skills, talents or interests of a select number of people in the Cabot Loop area is near completion. The information gathered is being used to match individuals with volunteer opportunities that are available. It is hoped that this pilot can be expanded to involve a larger number of people. We believe that this is a great opportunity to unleash the potential that residents have to contribute to their communities.

IGOR and the Volunteers

At our last meeting everyone commented how we all saw the tremendous efforts of volunteers and people coming together... local groups who really stepped up and even individuals and organizations who came here from outside of the loop to lend a hand. We also discussed how a network like the Cabot Loop Clusters could help connect groups and communicate during difficult times in the future. On behalf of the Cabot Loop Clusters Leadership Committee a big "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers and organizations for all that you did and continue to do.

Edith Samson
Cabot Loop Clusters Leadership Committee Member

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Learning Opportunities

The Cabot Loop Clusters Project is holding a series of **Sharing Skills: Knowledge From My Neighbour** sessions in your area for people involved with voluntary, community-based organizations. These **peer learning sessions** will provide an opportunity for small groups of people to come together with a local person who has knowledge and experience in a particular topic. The local facilitator has volunteered to present information and lead an informal discussion on the topic where you can ask questions, share your ideas and learn from others.

All sessions will be held at **2:00** on the date indicated at the **Cabot Loop Clusters Office** (located in the 2nd Floor Boardroom, The Factory, Port Union)

Friday, November 5 - Basic Proposal Writing	Facilitated by: Edith Samson
Friday, November 12 - Writing By-laws	Facilitated by: Jackie Penney
Thursday, November 25 - Sources of Funding	Facilitated by: Jim Miller

Register by contacting Barry Pearce. Space is limited to 12 participants per session.
469-2299 or email barrypearce@csc.nf.net

Stay Tuned For...

- ⇒ The Cabot Loop Clusters Leadership Committee is planning a **Network Event** for members of the Cabot Loop Clusters Network. This will be the first official and formative meeting of the membership. Details on date, time, location, and what to expect will be provided soon. This event will be for MEMBERS of the Cabot Loop Clusters Network only. **Has your organization completed a membership form? If not, you still have an opportunity to join.** Call Barry at 469-2299 or email barrypearce@csc.nf.net. Membership in the network is FREE and you will learn more about the benefits of being a part of this exciting collection of community organizations and volunteers at the Network Event.
- ⇒ The Community Sector Council Newfoundland and Labrador is working with the Seniors Resource Centre Association of Newfoundland and Labrador on a project to inform older adults about the benefits of volunteering and opportunities to get involved in their communities. The project, called Age Well, Live Better—Volunteer!, will be holding a forum for older adults in late November. **If your organization is looking for more volunteers, either long term or for a special project, you just may find them at the forum.** Call Bettina Ford in Gander toll free at 1-877-651-1140 for details.