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Trail Kicks off Community Conversations on Strengthening Social Well-Being

Affordable housing, poverty reduction, social inclusion, early childhood education – these are all important factors that contribute to social well-being in our communities. In partnership with local social service agencies across the region, the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute (RDI) is hosting workshops in several communities, starting with Trail on April 7th.

“These community conversations bring people together to explore both challenges and new ideas for improving social well-being in our region”, says RDI Researcher Nadine Raynolds.

The workshop builds upon RDI’s recent research on the characteristics, capacity, and challenges of the non-profit social sector, and Raynolds will share results from a survey of 88 organizations, along with a discussion on social determinants of health and indicators of social well-being that are being explored through the RDI’s State of the Basin Initiative.

This first workshop in Trail is hosted in partnership with The Skills Centre. “An important part of our discussion is to look at how we can work together across sectors here in Greater Trail”, says Jan Morton, Executive Director. “Community members from non-profits, government, business, planners, and anyone else interested and invested in our community social well-being are invited to participate.”

A significant part of the workshop is a focus group dialogue on what’s working well, new ideas to strengthen the social sector, and how groups can better work together to improve our community and regional social well-being.

To register for the Social Sector Solutions workshop in Trail on April 7th from 1:30 – 4pm, please visit the RDI’s events calendar at www.cbrdi.ca. The event is free, although space is limited. Snacks and beverages will be served.

For more information on RDI’s research related to social well-being and their study of social non-profits, visit RDI’s [social non-profit page](#).

As part of the research process, RDI developed an inventory of social non-profits across the Columbia Basin-Boundary region which is found on the [Digital Basin](#).

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About the RDI: The Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute at Selkirk College is a regional research centre with a mandate to support informed decision-making by Columbia Basin-Boundary communities through the provision of information, applied research and related outreach and extension support.