

Survey Consent Form

The Columbia Basin-Boundary Non-Profit Social Sector: Exploring Capacity, Innovation and Collaboration



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The *Columbia Basin-Boundary Non-profit Social Sector* research project will explore key characteristics, financial and human resources, organizational capacity, social innovation and organizational connections in the Columbia Basin-Boundary non-profit social sector. The research is a critical first step towards enabling evidence-based decision-making by our regions' colleges and Columbia Basin Trust in efforts related to strengthening this important sector. The research will provide individual non-profits and the region as a whole with benchmark data against which to compare experiences and characteristics. In addition, the research will explore collaborative networks and highlight examples of innovation in the region's non-profit social sector.

This survey collects data related to your non-profit organization, including:

- Key characteristics (such as name of organization, location, year established etc)
- Financial resources (such as total revenue and revenue by source)
- Human resources (such as number of staff and volunteers)
- Organizational capacity (such as planning and development, and infrastructure and process capacity)
- Organizations connections (social sector network)

ONAsurveys is the online tool that will be used to collect survey responses. This websurvey company is located in Australia and subject to privacy laws. This survey does not ask for personal identifiers, but does ask for the name of your organization and affiliation that could be used to identify you. The websurvey company servers record incoming IP addresses of the computer that you use to access the survey, but no connection is made between your data and your computer's IP address. If you choose to participate in the survey, you understand that your responses to the survey questions will be stored and accessed by ONAsurveys. The security and privacy policy for the websurvey company can be found at: <https://www.s2.onasurveys.com/help/?section=6>. Your information as it is transmitted over the Internet will be protected by an enhanced security mechanism.

Information provided from the survey will be kept confidential, used only for the purposes of this research study, and will not be used in any identifiable way. The exception is the possible representation of your organization's name on resulting network maps.

All electronic records from the survey will be kept in a secured environment. The researcher will destroy the raw data after 10 years. Raw data may be used for future longitudinal analysis. You will also be provided with a copy of the research study at your request.

Your participation is completely voluntary and you may refuse to participate or withdraw from the study at any time. The questionnaire will require approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. There are no risks that will be incurred as a result of your participation and no personal data will be collected. Submitting the online questionnaire indicates your consent to participate in this study.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have about the study: Dr. Terri MacDonald, at 250-365-1434 (tmacdonald@selkirk.ca). If you have concerns about the study, please contact the Chair of the Research Ethics Committee – Human Participants, Paula Vaananen: pvaananen@selkirk.ca, 250-365-1430.

Sincerely,

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