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June 23-24, 2016 | The Penticton Lakeside Resort, Penticton, BC

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October 12-14, 2016 | Vancouver Airport Sheraton Hotel, Richmond, BC

FCSSBC Award for Excellence

The Federation of Community Social Services of BC is awarding its 2016 Award for Excellence to Vancouver Island University for the exemplary leadership VIU has shown in the creation and implementation of its Tuition Waiver Program to Support Youth in Care.

The award, established in 1995 in honour of the late Thom McGuire, recognizes the exceptional contributions of an individual, team, or organization in the field of child, family, or community social services. Previous recipients include BC's first Representative for Children and Youth Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond and the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks.

"The Federation was inspired not just by the creation of the tuition waiver program, but also by the thoughtful and intentional efforts to welcome and include the recipients of the tuition waivers into VIU's university community," says Rick FitzZaland, Executive Director of The Federation. "We know from experience that many young people who have been in care lack not only the financial resources to attend university, but also emotional support and encouragement from family. We applaud the efforts VIU has made in assisting young people from care who are seeking a post-secondary education."

Open Space Technology

What is Open Space Technology? How does Open Space work?

The goal of an Open Space Technology meeting is to create time and space for people to engage deeply and creatively around issues of concern to them. The agenda is set by people with the power and desire to see it through, and typically, Open Space meetings result in transformative experiences for the individuals and groups involved.

Open Space technology can be used in any situation where there is: a real issue of concern; a diversity of players; complexity of elements; the presence of passion (including conflict); a need for a quick decision.

Open Space operates under four principles and one law. **The four principles of Open Space are:**

1. Whoever comes are the right people
2. Whatever happens is the only thing that could have happened.
3. When it starts is the right time
4. When it's over it's over

The Law is known as the **Law of Two Feet**: *"If you find yourself in a situation where you are not contributing or learning, move somewhere where you can."*

The four principles and the law work to create a powerful event motivated by the passion and bounded by the responsibility of the participants.



Chris Corrigan

Chris Corrigan is a well known Open Space facilitator and host of strategic conversation. He has worked extensively in BC, in the community sector on large strategic initiatives such as Aboriginal Delegated Agency negotiations, indigenous governance, and strategic support for agencies, government and communities on child and family services. He worked as a facilitator on special projects with the Child and Youth Officer of BC, addressing suicide in north western BC and a child death on Vancouver island. He has also worked on staff with the BC Association of Friendship Centres and the BC Assembly of First Nations. He has been a core member of the Leadership 2020 leadership team. Chris lives with his family on Bowen Island BC. He has two teenage children.



Al Etmanski

Al Etmanski is a community organizer, social entrepreneur and author. He believes social impact will not happen without passionate amateurs. As co-founder of Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network (PLAN) he proposed and led the campaign to establish the world's only disability savings plan - the RDSP. There are now more than \$2 Billion RDSP funds on deposit. He also helped establish **Social Innovation Generation (SiG)** and **BC Partners for Social Impact**. He is an Ashoka fellow and a faculty member of John McKnight's Asset-Based Community Development Institute. His new book: *Impact: 6 Patterns to Spread Your Social Innovation* has become a Canadian bestseller. Al blogs at www.aletmanski.com



Bradley Dick

Bradley has spent much of the last 20 years within the urban Aboriginal community working with Aboriginal Education SD 61, Surrounded by Cedar, and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Bradley and family have also fostered for the last 7 years. Bradley currently does independent contracts and works within the BC Public Service Agency as the Aboriginal Youth Internship Program Coordinator in other words "his dream job". Bradley is an contemporary artist who enjoys working collaboratively with his Brother Clarence Dick Jr and Fabian Quocksister and dad Butch Dick carving ceremonial poles that adorn City hall as well as the soon to be House Post that will line the entrance to the Songhees Wellness Centre.



Avril Orloff

Avril Orloff is one of Canada's senior graphic facilitators, who has been putting her visual thinking skills to work to animate meetings since 2006. She literally "draws out" people's thinking onto big visual charts, translating their words into images so they can see what they're saying, connect the dots, and arrive at the "aha!" of shared understanding. She loves seeing meetings come to life as people see their ideas take concrete shape in pictures and words, and use the visuals to generate fresh insights and deeper conversation.