

## NOTES

# FCSSBC JUNE 2016 CONFERENCE: THE SOCIAL LABS EXPERIENCE

June 23-24, 2016

Penticton Lakeside Resort

21 Lakeshore Drive West Penticton, B.C.

THE FEDERATION  
of COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES of BC



## SAVE THE DATES

**FCSSBC 2016 Professional Development Conference + Members General Meeting**

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

**FCSSBC 2017 Social Policy Forum + Members General Meeting**

February 16-17, 2017 | Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour, Victoria, BC

## Keynote: The Joys and Sorrows of Swimming Upstream

Ingenuity in the face of adversity is a hallmark of Fed members. We have stood firm against political indifference to children, youth, women and families. Times are changing. We no longer have to tread water. Instead, we have the opportunity to advance the boldest rendition of the world we want, particularly, if we tap into the deeper currents of social change. Join Pauline and Al for a lively blend of indigenous wisdom sprinkled with insights from a grizzled community organizer.

## The Social Labs Experience

Facilitator Brenna Atnikov of Reos Partners will lead members and participants through the experience of using social lab methodology as a new way to address some of the most complex issues facing our communities. This session will create an opportunity to learn about and try out social innovation tools and approaches that can be applied to the work done in BC's community social service sector. This event will surface new, actionable ideas and insights for how members can move their current work forward and will help build strong relationships amongst leaders in the sector.

## Lakeside Reception

Don't forget to join us on Thursday evening for our annual Lakeside Reception hosted by our Federation Association Benefit Plan (FABP) partners: Schmunk Gatt Smith and Associates.

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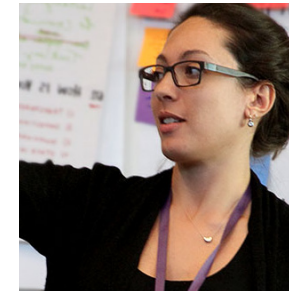
## Social Policy Action Groups: Lunch-time talks with the Champions

Many of the action group champions that kicked off social policy initiatives in February will be attending the June conference. Feel free to contact them about getting involved with their initiatives. Join them for breakfast or lunch on Thursday or find them at the Lakeside Reception on Thursday evening.

## Friday Breakfast Tables: CARF Canada & Leadership 2020

On Friday morning at 7:30 am, two breakfast tables will be hosted for any and all participants that would like to join in on lively discussions. Topics are below:

1. **Dan Stavert** from CARF Canada will give an update on what's new at CARF and host an informal discussion with members over breakfast.
2. **Jennifer Charlesworth** will host a table for members interested in supporting their staff's participation in Leadership 2020: what to expect and how to support participants in bringing their learning back to their organizations and communities.



### Brenna Atnikov

Brenna Atnikov has extensive experience with multi-stakeholder initiatives aimed at transforming systems in the areas of urban sustainability, community economic development, early literacy, and participatory community development. She roots her process designs in the group's purpose and customizes them to help the group achieve its goals.

Brenna is skilled in doing strategic mapping, creating collaborative governance structures, and helping groups anchor their work in values, vision, and purpose. As a facilitator, she models the advantages of bringing one's whole self to the work, knowing that we cannot change systems without changing ourselves. Over the years, Brenna has developed a passion for the reflective and evaluative practices that enable groups to think about their work, learn from it, and integrate that learning.



### 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 also 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](http://www.aletmanski.com)



### Pauline Terbasket

Pauline Terbasket is a proud Syilx (Okanagan) woman and member of the Lower Similkameen Indian Band. Ms. Terbasket has more than 25 years of experience working for a variety of First Nations organizations and government, is a graduate of Trent University and has completed a diploma in Dialogue and Negotiations through Simon Fraser University. She is currently the Chair of the First Peoples Culture Foundation, a Provincial First Nations Organization.

She is a strong advocate for Indigenous Title and Rights and works to promote sustainable economic development and reduce poverty amongst First Nations. Pauline has committed herself to tackling issues confronting the growth and wellness of indigenous citizens. She believes that the revitalization of Indigenous cultures and language is critical to self-determination and survival of Indigenous peoples.

In addition to her professional endeavours, she has sat as a volunteer board member with numerous local and regional organizations and societies including the BC Native Women's Society, UBC Okanagan, and the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society. Ms. Terbasket was also appointed to the Okanagan College Board of Governors. She also served as a Band Councillor for 8 years for the Lower Similkameen Indian Band.